

Plan to develop awareness on co-operatives among Arabs

THE secretary-general of the Arab Co-operative Union Qais Sharida said the recent Arab Co-operative Conference held in Kuwait, adopted several resolutions to develop co-operative awareness among Arab people. He commented that present informational activities of the Arab co-operative movement did not reflect a true picture of the movement, but reflected views of certain persons working. He added, the co-operative movement in Kuwait, Iraq, Egypt and Gulf states was of long standing and should be developed on modern techniques. He added, that the secretariat of the Arab Co-operative Union appointed a committee to carry out the recommendations resulting from the conference recently held in Kuwait.

Sharida pointed out that customs procedures are the main obstacles facing easy transportation of Arab products from one Arab country to another. He

called for support of national products by facilitating their transportation. He queried as to why foreign products obtained better facilities in Arab countries as opposed to Arab produce. The Arab Co-operative Union, he disclosed, had continually called on Arab governments to establish an Arab Common Market under the supervision of the Arab League. He claimed that some Arab products were being re-exported to Arab countries with foreign brands and called on Arab countries to protect national products from foreign competition.

Expanded
As an Iraqi co-operative official, Sharida said the Iraqi co-operative movement had expanded its activities and services during the present war. These activities included the housing services beside establishing co-operative societies. He disclosed, the Iraqi government had granted a 50 million Iraqi dinar loan

to the housing co-operative sector to provide suitable homes for Iraqi citizens.

He said approximately 500,000 co-operative families were members in the Iraqi co-operative movement. He added, every family consisted of five members — which meant the number of members of the movement was about 2.5 million. The Iraqi co-operative movement also began establishing a society to market vegetables and fruits and another society was entrusted with the export products of Iraqi co-operative sector to the Arab countries.

He added that there are 122 co-operative societies in Iraq including 20 co-operative supermarkets built according to international specifications. Al Sharida concluded by praising the co-operative movement in Kuwait, but added that Kuwaiti co-operative societies should exert more efforts towards meeting the basic needs of the citizens.

Sheikh Salem receives sports officials

THE Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah yesterday received at his office the chairman and board of directors of the Police Sports Union accompanied by the Ministry of Interior's football team that won for the first time the ministries and government institutions tournament.

The minister congratulated the union and the team and wished them every success in the future events.

Iraqi envoy

BOARD chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij yesterday received the Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Assem Yagoub Youssef.

Co-operation in the agricultural field was discussed in the meeting.

Arab League warns of widening credibility gap

UNITED NATIONS, June 15. (KUNA): The Arab League warned yesterday of a "widening credibility gap" resulting from the Security Council's inability to implement Security Council resolution 598.

Since the decision was adopted unanimously on July 20, 1987, "no follow-up resolution has been adopted and an arms embargo on the non-compliant party is not yet in place," the League's permanent observer Clovis Makoud said in the General Assembly's special session on disarmament.

Makoud's statement wrapped up a seven-day general debate in the 159-member body which now resumes its work in committee to work out a final document.

"The credibility gap is widening and the scope of operations

has been widened against other Arab states in the Gulf," Makoud said.

Makoud's comments echoed similar statements made earlier in the day by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz who warned the assembly of the "ominous departures from the charter and Security Council resolutions."

He said the Arabs were committed to maximise the effectiveness of the United Nations and have reaffirmed this desire in the resolutions of the Arab League summit.

These resolutions, he said, asserted the urgent need to implement resolution 598, calling for an immediate cease-fire in the Iraq-Iran war, and called upon the UN to convene an international conference to bring about a comprehensive settlement.

Ministry to honour outstanding students

THE assistant undersecretary for educational services at the Education Ministry Fiddah Al Khaled said the ministry would hold its annual ceremony to honour outstanding students of the secondary education next Tuesday on June 21. The ceremony would be held under the auspices of the Minister of Education and acting Minister of Higher Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri.

Al Khaled said the celebrations mark the coronation of the highest form of cooperation between school and home, reflecting a top-level concern for youths and the building of a sound generation characterised by its strong ties with Islam and original Arab values. These come about in response to directives of HH the Amir to accord the utmost care and attention to youths and guidance towards the path of success. Al Khaled concluded by calling on all students with high scores to collect their invitation cards from the technical follow-up office.

Over KD1m spent on subsidy

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that the state spent KD 1,210,327 last April on subsidised materials. KD 472,976 was spent on items that are distributed by the ration card (rice, sugar, milk powder, fat and garbanzo seeds). KD 77,545 on children's food, milk and tea; KD 311,545 on local fresh milk; KD 47,074 on flour sold to bakeries; KD 2,375 on fodder; KD 287,481 on construction materials; KD 4,270 on rents of co-operative society stores and KD 5,467 on the transportation of Falaka Co-operative Society commodities.

7,919 students to be admitted

THE dean of registrations and admissions at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Hisham Al Mutawa, said the authority will admit 7,919 students during the two sessions of the academic year '88-1989. He added that 1,939 students would be from graduates of Secondary School Certificates, 1,664 would comprise holders of intermediate school certificates and 135 having professional education. He added 3,766 students of the Secondary School Certificate would be admitted in the first session and the admissions office would receive their applications as of June 25 till July 18 from 4 to 8 pm, Saturdays through Wednesdays.

French message

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabab Al Ahmed yesterday received a message from the French Foreign Minister Ronald Dumas on extension of bilateral co-operation.

Desalination of sea water Reverse osmosis plants opened



Rqobah (right) opened the reverse osmosis water desalination plants yesterday

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah yesterday opened the second and third units of water desalination which utilise the reverse osmosis process. The units are designed for a 60 per cent desalination of sea water.

Each unit is designed to yield 250 thousand imperial gallons of desalinated water per day. The first unit was established in Sulaibikhat area, the second to provide desalinated water to Sabah Hospital and the third for the Ibn Sina Hospital.

The third one is a part of a project of 13 plants in different

areas in Kuwait with an estimated cost of KD1,665 million and is scheduled for completion by the end of this year.

Al Rqobah said the project is envisaged under a comprehensive plan by the Ministry of Electricity and Water to provide Kuwait with water during emergencies by using the latest technology and added that water supply to consumers is provided through smaller units similar to the one opened yesterday. Such units will be built after a thorough evaluation.

The minister accompanied by other ministers and government officials inspected the plant.

President Momoh to visit Kuwait

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, June 15. (AP): President Momoh was scheduled to leave today on a state visit to Kuwait that is his first long trip out of Sierra Leone in 16 months, aides said. Momoh is to fly via London and is expected to be in Kuwait on June 18-20 on a visit to the invitation of HH the Amir of Kuwait.

A member of the delegation said Momoh will be accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Abdul Karim Koroma, Mines Minister Birch Conteh and A. K. Turay and the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs.

Diamonds
The aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Momoh hopes "to tie up the loose ends on arrangements for the Gulf state to finance his West African nation's plans to increase diamond production."

Sierra Leone's chief export and account for 46 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings. These have fallen in recent years because of depleted diamond reserves, illegal digging and smuggling. The government wants to boost output by developing an underground mine.

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Soviet envoy ends Baghdad visit

BAGHDAD, June 15. (KUNA): A special envoy of the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, left here today after visiting Iraq for several days.

According to the Iraq News Agency INA, the Soviet emissary delivered a message to President Saddam Hussein from the Soviet

leadership during his stay here. The message dealt with the US-Soviet summit which took place recently in Moscow and was followed by agreements between the two superpowers on nuclear disarmament and regional disputes, the agency report said.



A number of scouts from Gadsia Sports Club recently paid a visit to the Science Club. They were received by the deputy public relations director, Hussein Al Mulla, who explained the aims and activities of the club and showed them the different sections and workshops there. The scouts are seen on their visit to the Science Club.

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Breed cattle, urges Al Sultan

Call to restrict import of live animals

By Fathima Ahmed

THE Director of Kuwait's Animal Health Division, Dr Al Sultan Ahmed Al Sultan, has called for stringent controls on imports of live animals as an effective way to prevent the outbreak of such diseases as foot and mouth disease among cattle.

Meanwhile, the government has introduced a law to encourage veterinarians to open private clinics to care for pets like dogs, cats and birds. Till now veterinary hospitals have been run by the government.

Al Sultan, recently involved in containing the foot and mouth disease which spread among cattle in Saudi Arabia, said: "It is impossible, and not easy, to control the spread of disease when new cattle are constantly imported into the country."

Incentives
"There is a need to decrease import of animals and encourage breeding on local farms," he said.

He admits that it is impossible to stop total imports but advocates incentives to start breeding, to acclimatise cattle, increasing their resistance to harsh weather conditions in Kuwait.

Efforts to breed cattle here have been unsuccessful, mainly because they are not cost effective. "In the long term, breeding would be successful, and cost effective, because cattle bred here would be immune to climatic changes," said Al Sultan.

Disease
About 90 per cent of the total cattle in the country have been imported from abroad including China, Turkey, Australia and Europe. There are 130,000 cattle on 32 farms around Kuwait.



Al Sultan: animal care

The foot and mouth disease, which hit cattle in Kuwait in May, was a variant of one of seven virus strains that afflict cattle. In May's outbreak, about 180 cows died and 500 were infected, Al Sultan said.

Reportedly about 120 head of cattle were destroyed by the disease, but Al Sultan parried questions saying: "We could not destroy the infected animals because of the close proximity of farms." Destruction of cattle, he said, would mean killing all the cows, which would result in monetary losses running into millions of dinars.

Prevent
He said recent reports of death of over 500 cows were exaggerated. The morbidity rate — the rate of infection among cattle — was about 500, deaths were only 180, he said.

A similar outbreak occurred in 1987, killing 400 cows. The recent outbreak was rapidly brought under control.

through quarantine, vaccinating unaffected cattle and other methods.

The question now is to prevent another outbreak. Al Sultan takes a very pragmatic view of the situation saying: "This disease cannot be eradicated because we feel that the disease, like cattle, is being imported." So, the best hope is to "try to prevent" it from recurring in the "best way we can."

Eradicated
The disease has been eradicated in the US and some European countries "mainly because they don't allow live animal imports," Al Sultan explained.

Kuwait's Animal Health Division has devised a plan to have "some control" over the disease. After the disease is brought under control, it remains dormant, with a possibility of re-erupting at a later date. To detect such occurrences, they hope to provide regular and careful monitoring, vaccinating cows against the disease three times a year, conduct frequent lab tests of blood serum to see if the disease is recurring in animals.

The division, however, has been successful in eradicating the dreaded disease called brucellosis (disease of the blood) affecting cows, sheep and goats. Brucellosis, widespread in Kuwait a few years ago, also affected human beings, particularly pregnant women and children, causing undulating fever.

Safe
Some 300,000 sheep and goats were vaccinated systematically in the campaign to control brucellosis.

Milk produced on local dairy farms is "completely safe" for

human consumption, said Al Sultan, setting to rest fears that locally produced dairy milk was contaminated.

However, he recommended taking pasteurised milk, or boiling it for 10-15 minutes before consumption.

The division, under the supervision of a committee, is encouraging vets to open private pet clinics in Kuwait, something which was not allowed by law before 1987. Last year, the government enacted a bill allowing vets to go into private practice "mainly to improve animal health care" in the country.

Improved
The aim of the law, Al Sultan said, is to ask "the private sector to assist us in giving first class health care for animals." Animal care, like human medical care, is absolutely free in Kuwait. Government veterinary clinics provide free vaccination, medicine and health care for pets.

Al Sultan, who is one of the only two Kuwaitis in the veterinary field and has over 12 years experience, said that animal husbandry has improved in the last 10 years.

"Ten years ago, the situation was different. Then, it may have been difficult to control any disease. Today, we are confident of doing our best, given the circumstances," he said.

Farmers are also more aware of the need to improve conditions on farms, both for animal and plant care, and are responding to the division's efforts to educate them. This, says Al Sultan, is a positive step toward progress. Yet, stricter import controls, and a long-term policy, would go a long way in consolidating the efforts, he added.



HH the Amir yesterday received at the Sief Palace the credentials of the new ambassadors of the Vatican (left) and Sierra Leone.

Awadi calls for improving economic conditions of Palestinians

GENEVA, June 15, (KUNA): Kuwait today proposed a number of measures to limit expenditure of the United Nations Development Programme while calling for improving the Palestinian people's economic conditions.

Kuwaiti Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, addressing the 35th session of UNDP's governors council, paid tribute to the programme as a major factor in promoting international co-operation and development.

Awadi said that Kuwait, while maintaining strong belief in bolstering global co-operation in various spheres of economic and social development, hopes that problems hindering an international development strategy will be resolved through collective co-operation.

Assistance

He noted that developing nations still face shortages in resources, balance of payments and foreign debts in addition to natural disasters such as drought and desertification which led to further deterioration in food resources and agricultural yield.

The minister underscored that his country contributes within international efforts and joint endeavour to solving development problems of these nations, and elaborated that the Kuwaiti Plan, for Arab Economic Development had extended

\$5,400 million in loan as at the end of 1987 in addition to technical aid valued at about \$80 million.

Awadi conveyed greetings of HH the Amir to the conference and elaborated on Kuwait's first five-year development plan 1985-90 to 1989-90.

He noted that Kuwait had given up its share from the UNDP technical assistance due to the availability of financial resources but underlined that his country will seek such aid to prepare for the second five-year development plan in the years 1990-91 to 1994-95.

Hailing efforts of the UNDP officials, including the director William Draper, in flooding means of rationalising expenditures, Awadi called for taking into consideration four main issues.

First, limiting administrative expenses and ensuring maximum benefit of available resources in extending aid to needy countries, the Kuwaiti official said, adding second, appreciating the difficult economic and financial status of member countries.

Third, reconsidering the UNDP activities and projects for this coming years through executing programmes with available funds and shelving ambitious ones that could lead to embarrassing financial crisis and possible collapse of international co-operation in this field, Awadi

went on.

He added fourthly, limiting establishment of new funds to perform certain missions unless in the event finance is ensured and continuation is serious.

Asking for special attention to national programmes of Arab countries, particularly those less developed, Awadi emphasised the importance of doubling efforts to provide necessary finance for a number of important ventures initiated by the UN Development Programme in the occupied Arab lands.

The Kuwaiti planning minister said that the Palestinian people more so than ever before are in need of assistance due to the escalating suppressive measures pursued by the Israeli occupation to quell the "stones revolution" waged by that Arab people to express their rejection of occupation.

He also called for extending aid to the Lebanese people who have been suffering from civil war and repeated Israeli aggressions.

Awadi appreciated the UNDP efforts to emergency cases in Africa and called for earmarking more funds for that purpose.

The minister also expressed admiration over the UNDP concern in fighting AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) which he described as "our modern age's new plague" and called for giving priority to food security projects in the Third World countries.

Awadi, noting with satisfaction the growing understanding between the Soviet Union and the United States, appealed to the two superpowers to allocate part of their financial resources, saved by their agreement on reducing production of tools of destruction, to boosting world efforts to save Third World peoples from dangers of famine, diseases and ignorance through the UN Development Programme.

Construction sector employed 58,703 persons in 1985

THE central statistical office, Ministry of Planning in its services sector report indicated that 58,703 persons were employed in 1985 in the construction sector in the country.

They were employed by an estimated 1,294 establishments. The value of construction work amounted KD564 million and contributed KD259 million to the gross domestic product (GDP).

According to the report of the services establishment published by the same ministry, hotels and restaurants employed 11,546 persons in 1985 and contributed KD54 million to the GDP. Transport and storage sectors employed over 21,000 persons and contributed KD181 million to the GDP.

Over 4,100 establishments employing 15,200 persons provided personal and household services. Motor vehicles garages employed 9,103 persons, laundries and cleaning services 2,479 persons and barber and beauty shops 1,835 persons.

No plan to amend customs clearance law

THE director general of the public customs authority, Ibrahim Al Ghanim, has denied that the authority has any intention of amending the law of customs clearance since the present law was only approved two years ago.

He noted that personnel in customs clearance had to pass an examination and be personally interviewed before being accepted. He also mentioned that computers had been introduced into customs clearance.

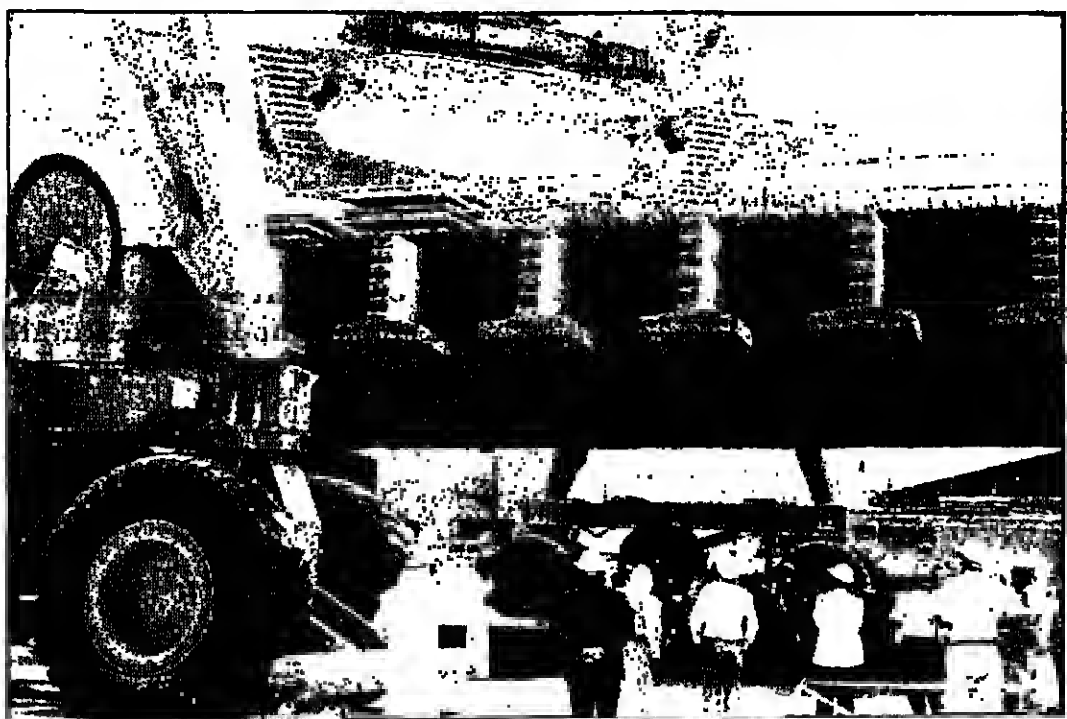
Al Ghanim voiced dissatisfaction over the state of affairs which meant newly-graduated customs inspectors spending two years doing military service, during which time much information is forgotten. He asked that the defence ministry allow them at least one year after finishing their training at the customs authority before calling them for military service, enabling them to gain practical experience.

Proposal to promote officers

THE assistant undersecretary for legal and administrative affairs at the Defence Ministry Humoud Al Utaibi said the ministry is studying a proposal to promote officers who performed the obligatory service. This proposal, he said, was recently announced by the Minister of Defence, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

The present laws governing the obligatory services were adequate and did not need any amendments at the present time he said.

Minister inspects flyover project



Picture: Flyover work under progress

THE Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti today attended the laying of the last reinforced concrete panel of the KD31 million Ghazali Expressway flyover project.

Speaking on the occasion to newsmen, the minister said the

flyover is the longest in the region — 1850 meters long and situated among one of the most crowded traffic areas in Kuwait — the Shurwaikh area. The flyover is directly linked with the Shurwaikh port. He added, the project would be completed in

March of next year, however, parts of it will be open for traffic to September this year. The flyover consists of three lanes and a tunnel will be constructed beneath the flyover to further facilitate traffic in the area.

Prince Sultan to visit Britain

RIYADH, June 15, (AP): Saudi Arabian Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz will visit Britain to the first week of July, informed sources reported today.

It will be Sultan's first official visit to the United Kingdom, said the sources who spoke on condition they not be named. The visit, coming on the heels of a similar trip to London by Crown Prince Abdullah, apparently aims at bolstering co-operation in the defence field.

Britain is a major arms supplier of Saudi Arabia. In 1986, a 7.5-million-dollar deal was signed between the two countries involving the sale of 72 British-built Torado jet fighters to the kingdom.

Saudi Arabia is seeking to divert part of the value of deal to joint industrial projects as part of its efforts to introduce British technology to the kingdom.

Al Bahar meets Indian envoy

ABDUL Latif Abdul Rahman Al Bahar, director general at the office of HH the Crown Prince and Defence Minister today met in his office with Indian Ambassador to Kuwait NN Jha. Discussions centred on the latest development to the Gulf region in addition to matters of mutual interest.

Deadline extended

THE Committee of Municipal Affairs has reviewed the requirements of the Co-operative Societies for shops to both the limited-income and private housing areas. The committee decided, after lengthy discussion, to extend the deadline for closing the shops to these areas so that an adequate study can be completed.

Mystery oil spills endanger Gulf

MANAMA, June 15, (AP): Oil pollution in the Gulf has never been worse, but environmentalists say there is little they can do about it as long as the waterway is a major arena in the fighting between Iraq and Iraq.

"We're in the Middle of a war zone, and there's nothing we can do about it (oil pollution)," said Walt Vreeland, an American adviser to the Bahrain-based Environmental Protection Committee.

The stinky, foul-smelling black and oily substance clings to the sandbar of the inlet below Bahrain's 1,800-year-old Islamic fortress, reaching even into the ruins.

Limited
The ancient ramparts are no defence against the onslaught of pollution by the very same oil that has enriched Gulf states.

Environmental experts say that while they regard the pollution affecting marine life and the Gulf's shoreline as an indirect result of the 7-1/2-year-old war, the actual source is unknown.

However, oil platforms and tanker ships damaged in air raids or shelling are suspected of some leaks.

"Nobody can do anything until the war stops because it's too difficult to find the sources of the leakage," said Jassim Ahmed Al Qaseer, acting director of fisheries in this island state.

Vreeland has been working as an environmentalist for the last six years. He said in an interview that the conflict even restricts him from scouting the Gulf for signs of oil pollution.

"We're very limited as to how far we can go out," he said.

Hardest-hit
"Bahrain's territorial waters are 12 miles (19 kms). And to be quite honest about it, I'm not going to go 50 miles (80 kms) in a helicopter. No way."

Vreeland said Bahrain, located off the Saudi Arabian coast about halfway up the 600-mile-long (960 km) Gulf, is among the hardest-hit areas at a

time when it is vying for tourist trade.

"The main thing you'll find are aesthetic problems. People just don't want to go to the beach because it's a mess down there," he said.

"The other indirect effects would be reduction of fish, of sea grass beds. These are not areas you would expect to see immediate effects."

Clean-up efforts are already under way on Bahrain's beaches, where one resident reported seeing children with their feet covered in black goo.

Cycled
"I could see tar and tarballs all around, the windsurfing boards had all turned black from the tar," said another foreign resident, Ikuko Waki.

Oil pollution is not new to the Gulf, where wells on shore and underwater produce nearly one-fifth of the industrial world's oil. Extremely shallow along the coasts and about 300 feet (90 metres) at its deepest, the Gulf is fed from the north by the ancient Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

Naturally cycled every two years, the water flows out through the Strait of Hormuz, a passage so narrow as to prevent a large volume exchange between the Gulf and the Arabian Sea.

In the past, environmentalists say, the Gulf could handle the occasional oil spill.

Unknown
But current pollution is "the worst I've seen," Al Qaseer said in an interview.

"The Gulf is like a lake and if there's a big quantity of oil being discharged continually, of course there will be an effect."

year.

Gulf-based shipping executives believe some of it comes from three Iranian oil platforms wrecked by the US Navy in recent reprisal attacks. But Vreeland said it is not known if they are leaking oil.

Suspected
Another suspected source is Iran's big Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern Gulf. It has been attacked by Iraqi warplanes dozens of times, but Iran has never reported the damage.

Hundreds of merchant ships have been hit by Iran and Iraq in the war. Many have been tankers which have spilled oil when their tanks were ruptured by missiles or shells.

Al Qaseer says pollution threatens a commercial fishing industry, already affected by the war. South-flowing currents help to keep northern waters clean, but "fishermen are afraid to go there," he said.

He said fish are safe to eat in Bahrain, where annual consumption is about 31 pounds (14 kilograms) a person.

Residue
Vreeland said that even after light fractions of the oil — those most toxic to marine life — disappear, the heavy residue collects dirt and debris and sinks to the seabed, affecting some seafish.

As scientists analyse oil samples in a search for the source, public concern is growing. Gulf newspapers give wide coverage to the problem, and environmental groups meet regularly.

"It's going to destroy the shoreline, destroy some of the beaches, some of the rocky shores," Vreeland said.

"There's nothing we can do about it ... unless we put a big boom around Bahrain, which is kind of silly."

"I foresee this happening again and again. And until the war stops, until we can get surveillance out and actually watch what's going on, there's nothing we can do about it."

Four years for smuggling liquor

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man to four years' imprisonment with hard labour, to be followed by deportation.

The man was caught by the police at Mutla border checkpoint as he tried to smuggle 141 bottles of whisky into the country.

The court also fined him KD500 and confiscated the contraband.

Meanwhile, the court sentenced another man to five years in jail with hard labour after finding him guilty of forgery.

The court was told that the accused not only posed as a Ministry of the Interior official, but also forged driving licences and other official documents for a specified amount of money.

The man, a Kuwaiti, admitted to stealing two blank driving licence forms from the desk of an official at the Traffic Department, but pleaded not guilty to the charge, claiming that he had over intended to deceive the police with the forged documents.

Atlantik soap launched in Kuwait



MOHAMMED ABDUL RAHMAN AL BAHAR invited retail trade representatives to the Holiday Inn Hotel on Saturday June 11 to view via video the introduction of Atlantik shower soap.

Al Bahar and Unilever Export reported the soap is specially formulated to give a feeling of freshness and invigoration. The features of the product will be appearing in the TV commercials very soon.

PFLE team leaves

A DELEGATION of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Eritrea (PFLE) left Kuwait on Tuesday night after paying a 9-day visit to Kuwait.

During their visit here the Eritrean delegation, headed by member of the "polit-bureau" and director of foreign relations Ali Sayed Abdullah, had met with several Kuwaiti officials and informed them of recent developments of the confrontation between the PFLE and Ethiopian forces.

The Eritrean delegation expressed thanks and appreciation of the Eritrean people and the PFLE to Kuwait's supportive stance toward the just cause of the Eritrean people.

They also hailed the ministerial council's recent resolutions for extending financial support to the Eritrean people.

Meanwhile, according to a press release received by Kuwait News Agency yesterday, the Eritrean Army last week repulsed an Ethiopian military unit attempt to move towards Mas-Halit in Karm suburbs.

Austrian media

THE Austrian Radio and Television have recorded interviews with Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi yesterday on relations between the two countries, the Iraq-Iran war and the uprising in occupied Palestine.

President Kurt Waldheim of Austria was to visit Kuwait early this month but the state visit was put off for the autumn because of the extraordinary Arab summit in Algiers.

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LETTERS & EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

Spread of AIDS

Third World threatened

By Alver Carlson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The spread of AIDS in many Third World countries could threaten the development of their economies, World Bank officials say. Officials at the bank, which lends money to countries to help meet their basic development needs, are concerned that the virus is hitting the most productive group of people in the poorest countries, making economic advancement more difficult.

"At present, those dying of AIDS in the developing world are largely women in their 20s and men in their 30s and 40s — age groups normally associated with high productivity and primary family responsibility," the bank said in a recent publication.

"If large numbers of productive members of society die of AIDS, and similarly large numbers of the next generation are also victims of AIDS, the consequences of national economies and societies as a whole can only be highly negative," the bank added.

Worse

The World Health Organisation (WHO) said 139 countries have reported at least one case of AIDS, with the total now standing at over 91,000, including 4,627 new cases this year.

WHO said, however, that the AIDS crisis is far worse than the reported figures show. It estimated that probably some 500,000 people worldwide are experiencing AIDS symptoms and some five to 10 million are carrying the HIV virus that causes the deadly Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

The World Bank is concerned about how best to allocate limited resources to prevent the spread of AIDS. "I think the World Bank has a mandate to improve the health of these countries and to facilitate their development and we have to be particularly careful that we don't do more harm if we take resources away from programmes that are saving many lives and put them into a HIV prevention programme," said bank AIDS expert Mead Over.

AIDS is spread through sexual contact, the use of contaminated needles and through the blood supply.

Many AIDS experts, includ-

ing those at the World Bank, believe that every person infected in the past has spread the disease to from one to eleven others.

At least half and perhaps all those infected will eventually fall victim to the virus, experts estimate.

Problems

For the desperately poor of Africa AIDS is only one of the many health problems they must face.

Many parts of the continent are overwhelmed by malaria, measles, pneumonia, sickle cell disease, tuberculosis and premature births.

But AIDS differs in three basic ways. It strikes rich and poor alike, is growing at epidemic proportions and has no cure in sight.

In its efforts to deal with the impact of AIDS, the bank has had to look beyond setting up hospitals and other health care facilities.

Uganda has been hit by the AIDS epidemic at a time when its health care system is virtually non-existent and it is impossible to set up a blood screening operation to ensure blood used for transfusions is free of the virus. World Bank officials say it is difficult to inform people about AIDS when no health education programmes exist.

Help

In such a situation, the bank's role is to help a country build its health system so that WHO can come in and set up education projects and other health care facilities.

Over said the bank is now discussing a loan with Uganda to help build its health system. A project is underway in Burundi to analyse the implications of AIDS, while two others, in Zaire and Brazil, are in an advanced stage of preparation. A Haiti project is also under study.

Economic problems could exacerbate the spread of AIDS, the bank warned.

The developing world has been experiencing a debt crisis since 1982 that has been primarily concentrated in Latin America and Africa.

"Women have been particularly vulnerable to job loss over the past few years, and many have turned to occasional prostitution to supplement family incomes," the bank said.

UNESCO rides out the first storm

By Antony Brock

PARIS, (Reuters): UNESCO's director-general, Federico Mayor of Spain, has come through the first test of his mandate — two weeks of critical examination of his policies by the organisation's Third World-dominated executive board.

But diplomats say he has come to nearer his announced goal of bringing the United States and Britain back to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation after more than three years of absence.

Washington and London accused UNESCO of waste and anti-Western bias under former chief Amadou Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal. Their departure deprived the organisation of 30 per cent of its budget and plunged it into controversy.

Mayor, who succeeded M'Bow in a bitter contest in November, unveiled his plans to set UNESCO back on a more stable course to the 50-member board at its headquarters in Paris on May 25.

Under financial constraint he pared back projects and suggested a move out of controversial areas by focusing on UNESCO's three "pillars" — education, science and culture.

More sensitive issues, which the West believes have no place in UNESCO, should be dealt with in programmes which are complementary to the agency's main action, the 54-year-old biochemist suggested.

Western nations and Japan welcomed Mayor's approach. But he ran into criticism from the Third World, who accused him of trying to skirt controversial issues.

The executive board, which has an inbuilt majority of Third World members, quietly scotched any attempt to sweep sen-

sitive issues under the carpet. "UNESCO cannot shy away from discussing matters merely because they are seen to be 'controversial'," said a blunt analysis of Mayor's plan circulated by the non-aligned group of nations.

"This paper does not take into account the position of developing countries and plays down the role of governments," it added.

Senegal's Iba Der Thiam, a supporter of M'Bow, called Mayor's plan an "attempt at camouflage."

Mayor was unshaken at the criticism, saying his "medium-term sketch" was intended to provoke discussion.

In a controlled retreat from his first position, Mayor told the board that he had no intention of downgrading any of UNESCO's activities.

Mayor floated a very tentative trial balloon but hauled it down as soon as it got shot at," said a Western diplomat who declined to be identified.

At the end of the two-week session the board approved a series of guidelines which, in the view of many observers, put back on to the UNESCO agenda most of the controversial topics that Mayor had skirted around.

The board reinstated two areas of activity which Mayor had cut — development studies and human rights, peace and ending discrimination.

Mayor now has a year to draw up his medium-term plan, which covers UNESCO operations from 1990 to 1995.

Observers from Britain and the United States refused to comment on the possibility of these countries returning to UNESCO. But UNESCO diplomats said it was clear that nothing had happened in the two-week executive board session to bring them back to the fold.

Unprofessional review

SIR: Keith Wells' pathetic review of Brigadoon (AT, June 5) is as arrogant and superficial as it is irrelevant and inaccurate, giving in no way a realistic synopsis of the theme of the play. It does not show the slightest understanding of the considerable acting abilities displayed by the cast.

The reason for the "miracle" which brings the village to life only once in every 100 years has not been mentioned while his comments show that he has neither a grasp of casting nor acting. The village was never supposed to be completely full of "lissome young lasses," the age of the ladies involved in the play accurately reflect the social and family structure of a Scottish village in circa 1746.

Throughout the play both the principal actors sustained their American accents admirably. This was doubly difficult for Clive Jacques who had to sing several unusual songs, a task he accomplished unfalteringly and without reverting once to his "homey" English accent.

The statement that two fine actors changed their accents about three times in every sentence is a total travesty of the truth. The cast included four Scottish actors who obviously spoke and sang in their natural accents. Admittedly these accents varied but that in no way detracts from the production.

There can be a tremendous variation of accents in a Scottish village, as indeed, in a country as a whole. Individual accents can be deceptive as it is difficult to identify a person as being "Scottish" purely by accent. As a Scotsman, I found it impossible to distinguish the accents of the genuine Scots from those of the fellow actors — but then no doubt, a self-appointed authority on international accents such as Keith Wells knew better.

By the way what is "Brooklyn bum" and "cracker-barrel Kansas"? I suspect they are just another feeble Wellian attempt at attestation, his first being "tweedy twentism".

The shameful nature of the review is highlighted by your critic's admission of his disconcerting, premature departure — what arrogance to state "there was no alternative" — but also by his statement that "the play was a total failure".

"The show should have been cancelled to avoid embarrassment all round". The Second Act did contain a number of "glorious voices and fabulous songs," not to mention a scintillating New York bar scene, and some beautiful bagpipe music. I don't understand the reason for embarrassment or cancellation.

It appears that the only "deeply creepy people" around Brigadoon was one smug, self-satisfied "creaky" critic who, sadly, lacks any appreciation of the hard work that goes into amateur dramatics. Through the columns of your newspaper he has foisted a badly-written, unprofessional review on your readership.

James Flett, Salmiya.

Valuable contribution

SIR: Keith Wells certainly bids farewell to the local theatre scene with a flourish (AT, June 5). In the company of an almost full house, I and as far as I could ascertain, everyone present enjoyed the KLT production of Brigadoon. We stayed right to the end and joined in the applause through three final curtain calls. It worries me that Wells would, perhaps, consider our collective judgement to be at fault.

There is no doubt that the performers would face problems in obtaining employment on the West End stage, just as Wells is unlikely to have his journalistic abilities recognised in Fleet Street. Nevertheless, it must be recognised that Wells has catered for a local need to the best of his modest ability.

Amateur entertainers have made a valuable contribution to theatre in Kuwait and will continue to enjoy the patronage of the theatre-going public, in spite of Wells' periodic malicious discouragement.

R.O. (Name and address supplied)

We enjoyed Keith's articles

SIR: I'd like to say how much we enjoyed Keith Wells' contribution to your newspaper. Although sometimes flippant, his articles are well written and informative.

John Smith, Kuwait.

British Army stands by regimental traditions

By Ralph Boulton

CAMBERLEY, England, (Reuters): Forged in the fire of imperial battles and polished in the calm repose of the officer's mess, the regimental tradition remains the flashing blade of the British Army.

Critics revile it as a monument to Britain's class system, separating the public school elite from the country boy, the urban worker from the landed gentleman.

Bizarre traditions such as the sipping of champagne from Napoleon's captured silver chamber pot or wearing uniform back to front only enhance the outlandish image of some regiments.

Loyalty

But armies from Tanzania to the United States have tried to emulate its methods in creating group loyalty in fighting men.

General Sir John Hackett, a former commander of Britain's Rhine Army whose family links with the forces stretch back centuries, looks darkly upon those who see snobbery and racism in British regiments.

"Complete nonsense if there's any class element in the regiments, it's only a reflection of the society we live in. The system

makes for a cohesive fighting unit, promotes loyalty and encourages integrity," he told Reuters in an interview.

"After Vietnam, the Americans looked to our system to try to restore standards in their armies, to revive a feeling of belonging, and they're going a long way towards this," he added.

While US soldiers are regularly moved around from one unit to another, British servicemen normally spend their entire careers in one regiment — a body of 1,000 to 5,000 men.

Plans

When a regiment is rebased from West Germany to Cyprus the entire community moves, from the chaplain to the commander and on in the case of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters — Derby, the regimental goat.

Recruits are drawn normally on a local basis. A man from the working class districts of Glasgow might follow his father into the Royal Highland Fusiliers or a west countryman might don the uniform of the Gloucestershire or the Devon and Dorset.

Lieutenant Dan Bergeron, a US officer liaising with the British Ministry of Defence, said the United States had no plans to

introduce any locally-based "Oklahoma Regiment" or "Texas Lancers". But experiments were still under way to emulate some parts of the British system.

"There are moves to instil a better sense of unit identification, keeping soldiers together longer," he said.

Some regiments rally still to the banner of their class.

Former officer Michael Yardley called the Sandhurst Royal Military Academy, training ground for all regimental officers, a bastion of snobishness in his book "Sandhurst: A documentary".

Working class entrants, he said, would remember it largely as a place where they were encouraged to lose their provincial accents and learn to eat peas off the back of their fork.

Lieutenant Robert Lawrence said his belief in the regimental spirit was shattered by his treatment after he was seriously injured in the 1982 Falklands war with Argentina and later discharged.

Family

"Once I'd left the Army, no one ever rang to see how I was they'd always suggested they would do as the 'family'. They never asked if I was getting better or if I was getting worse... so much for the buddy-buddy, pal-pally regiment," he wrote in a book on his experience.

One young Sandhurst officer, trainee from Botswana, told Reuters he found the system a mystery. "Like training here, but the formal dinners are hard to take and it's not right that regiments such as the Guards recruit by class as they seem to."

The Elite Guards regiments, their history abounding in tales of chivalry and derring-do, have few places for sons of lathe operators.

"It's not that the Guards expressly insist on a certain background for their new recruits," one former Guards officer explained. But it's made clear to prospective newcomers it would be useful if they had extra income to foot bills for dress and entertaining, which can be a bit lavish sometimes.

The Guards have captured the imagination of countless tourists at Queen Elizabeth's Buckingham Palace with their clockwork marching style and dashing red livery.

Saroj K. Datta, Safat.

Exorbitant charges

SIR: I am a regular reader of "Table Talk" by Dinab. Through this column she exposes the naked truth about "hotels", "restaurants", and "other places" which are run by

"pavement cafes". Hotels and restaurants are mushrooming in Kuwait, as Dinab recently said in one of her articles. Clients expect good food at reasonable prices.

A few months ago many Asians welcomed the opening of a restaurant behind the Salbiya Complex (not the one reviewed by Dinab). This restaurant is also like a pavement cafe and provides Far Eastern cuisine. Ninety per cent of its clients are from the Far East who frequent the restaurant to get a taste of spicy food with a flavour of home. But the prices are exorbitant. One has to pay separately for "string boppers", and "pol sambal", when they should be charged together. Two tablespoons of "coconut powder with chilly chutney" costs 120 fils; pittu bread costs 100 fils. Surprisingly, they don't charge for a glass of water, or the paper napkins.

Are these restaurants catering to the public, or trying to bolster their bank accounts? What is the use of serving spicy food when they give high bills?

Anula Edirisinghe, Safat.

Keith will be missed

SIR: This refers to "How to lose friends and influence people" by Keith Wells (AT, May 31).

First, my compliments to Keith for some plain speaking. It was necessary and should have been said before. We certainly don't expect a West End or Broadway production in Kuwait, except, of course, from a visiting troupe. But that doesn't mean that a critic should overlook the faults of an inept production. During my 18 months stay in Kuwait I have seen almost all the English language plays. I feel that Keith has often been less strict and more generous and forgiving in his reviews than he should have been.

Secondly, it is sad to learn that Keith is leaving Kuwait. I for one will certainly miss him — I mean his articles, his reviews and his humour.

Lastly, now I have begun to fathom the rationale behind the pricing policy of the Wizr books.

I enjoyed editorial comments, which are to the point and bring key subjects to the attention of leaders of Kuwait. I wish to mention two other areas that require attention.

First, the seat belts in automobiles are not used properly. Also, everyday we observe that hundreds of children keep standing in moving automobiles, and many sit in the lap of the driver. These are indeed hazardous practices.

Europe and in many of the US states, children must ride in the back seat and have their belts fastened. I suggest that a similar law be enacted and enforced in Kuwait.

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be made available to all at no cost or at nominal charge for the beautification of their homes. If this is done, the efforts of the citizens and the residents of Kuwait would quickly add to the existing vegetation.

August Runte, Safat.

Credit goes to all

SIR: Heartiest congratulations to the Natya Bharati, and Indian Arts Circle for staging the Hindi play Undersecretary.

While it is heart warming to note that people have been praising the cast and play, it is a bit unjust to give credit to Parvash Marwah and Mamta Tomar alone.

I think equal credit goes to each actor and actress in their respective roles. Characters with special twist like that of a village servant or a central role in the play draws extra public attention.

C.K.V. Raman as the director, and in Bhatnagar's role deserves kudos.

Rakesh Asthana in the role of Kishore held the audience captivated for long spells switching between roles of an "Undersecretary" husband to a petty confidence trickster businessman on to woe his ladylove Kanta.

Shashi Malhotra and Beena Sharma were very convincing and superb in their roles of Mr & Mrs Verma. Veena Chand-bok as Kanta, gave the right glamour and appeal to her character. B.M. Nanda was excellent in his commanding voice as an eccentric retired Army major.

I fully agree that the play was a hit but it was too long and the sound system bad.

Hiten Advani, Safat.

Ignoring the patient

SIR: Having gone with my wife to the Haddad Clinic to visit the dentist to get relief from a severe toothache which had started midway during a cavity filling procedure, we were informed of the dentist's illness and asked to come the next day.

The same story was repeated on the two subsequent days at which we approached the administrative manager, Mo'een G.Z. who refused to make any alternate arrangement for our dental treatment.

ALL letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.

H.S.Rao, Safat.

A great loss

SIR: The death of Indian film actor Raj Kapoor is a great loss to the Indian film industry — the largest in the world.

Thousands of people act and direct films, but only a few films like the ones made by Raj Kapoor are remembered well and seen repeatedly due to good stories and music.

Raj Kapoor dedicated his whole life to the film industry and his sudden death is a loss to his fans because they expected some more good films directed by him.

H.S.Rao, Safat.

Foreign aid

By David R. Francis

HULL, Quebec: Like the individual who deducts his charitable contributions from taxable income, the world's industrial nations usually try to obtain some domestic benefit from their aid to developing countries.

Canada has just decided to be somewhat more altruistic in its foreign aid. Poor countries receiving Canadian aid dollars will have to use less of that money in Canada.

Instead of being required to spend 80 cents of every dollar received in bilateral foreign assistance on the purchase of Canadian goods and services, the poorest aid recipients will need to spend only 50 cents in Canada. Better-off developing countries must spend 66 cents of each dollar in Canada.

"That's a step in the right direction," comments Roger Young, who follows foreign aid issues for the North-South Institutes, a small think-tank in Ottawa. "But we had nowhere to go but up."

Canada has been almost the worst among the 18 major donor nations in tying aid to domestic

business. Less than 200 exporters met with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) officials in May and offered some objections to untangling their private sessions.

"In a perfect world we would



Table Talk
BY DINAH

WHILE you're reading this I hope to be sampling breakfast at 35,000 feet on a flight back to Britain. No doubt, chefs and restaurant managers all over Kuwait will toss their hats and menus in the air in relief that Dinah (alias Suzi Wells) has written her last Table Talk. Returning to the culinary backwater of mid-Wales, I'm sure I shall miss the variety and quality of the restaurants in Kuwait. During the year that I've been writing this column I've visited very few restaurants that were really bad and, in fact, there are many that are first class.

In my view, the best restaurant in town at the moment for food, atmosphere, service and value for money is the newly opened Aralya — a Sri

Last supper in Kuwait

Lankan restaurant beside the Salhiya Complex. My choice for the best Indian restaurant is the Moghul Mahal, where one can eat a feast for a few dinars. The top Chinese restaurant is the Peacock Room at the SAS with the Jade Garden a close second. My favourite Korean restaurant is in the Carlton Tower Hotel and the best place to go for a choice of either Indian or Chinese food is the Rubiana in Sharq. The best gourmet French meal we ate was at Les Elysees at the Pullman Hotel, but I believe that there has been a change of chefs since then.

My prize for the best chain of restaurants would go to Caesar's for all round dependability and good value. The hotel which offers the best overall value of money, good service and consistently high standards is the Sheraton, with its five restaurants. The best coffee shop buffet in Kuwait is to be found in the Hilton's La Palma, while the Holiday Inn has the best dessert chefs and the Meridien's La Brasserie the highest quality ingredients.

For atmosphere Al Boom (the dhow restaurant at the SAS) is unique, while for friendliness the Movenpick and Mabuhay are hard to beat. For

setting and views the Kuwait Towers is, of course, unparalleled. There are some fine waiters in Kuwait and we rarely received sullen or bad service. The most stylish service was at the Meridien's La Brasserie and the Sheraton's Ricerio while the waiters at the Holiday Inn's coffee shop (not Al Dana) were super-efficient when under pressure.

Of all the dishes I sampled many are memorable but there is room to mention only a few that stood out: the crab soup at the Stalm Beach in Fahaheel; the minced lamb outlets at the SAS coffee shop; the duck in plum sauce at the Peacock Room; the white chocolate mousse at the Hilton's La Palma; the Meridien's version of bread and butter pudding and the Movenpick's crepe samurai.

Almost everyone can afford to eat out in Kuwait. A three course meal for two can cost as little as KD3 or as much as KD30 while for only 400 fils you can lunch on fresh orange juice and a healthy sandwich of falafel, hummus and salad at one of the numerous Lebanese sandwich bars around town. It's interesting that most of the restaurants I've mentioned above are ones that I find myself returning to again and

again even when the Arab Times isn't paying the bill!

For my last review this week we visited the Tourist restaurant situated near the Plaza Hotel. Simply decorated with red tablecloths and bamboo chairs, the Tourist has a separate section upstairs for families. From a warm greeting upon entering the restaurant, the guest is treated with friendly courtesy and the service is quick and efficient.

The menu offers a range of meat, fish, chicken, vegetable, and rice dishes together with an interesting choice of breads. The waiter was very helpful and patient in explaining what the different dishes consisted of. While we were making our choice we were served with crisp, spicy potatoes and an appetizing dip of mint, yoghurt and pepper. In fact we ordered enough food for three people but were able to take away our left-overs to enjoy the next day.

The most memorable dish was the buttered chicken — a melt-in-the-mouth dream of boneless chicken pieces in a very rich and filling creamy sauce. The dal makhani was also a butter-blessed dish. A creamy blend of black lentils, it provided a soothing contrast to the much stronger flavour of

the prawn curry — a generous portion of prawns in a sauce of tomatoes and shrimp paste. One of my favourite dishes was the spinach and peas — a puree of spinach with whole peas and shreds of ginger. The vegetable biryani had a pleasant lemon flavour. To accompany the hot dishes we chose onion nan — a rich filling bread which could have made a meal in itself — and fried puris.

For dessert we chose kulfi (Indian ice-cream). With its fine texture, groundnuts and creamy flavour it surpassed any that we have sampled in Kuwait. The meal ended with tea and coffee. The total bill came to KD7.300 which was good value for money, considering the fact that we had over-ordered and that we chose some of the most expensive dishes on the menu. The Tourist also offers a take-out service.

RESTAURANT: The Tourist Restaurant
TYPE: Indian
MEAL: Two course
PRICE: KD7.300 (for two)
Star rating (out of five):
FOOD: ★★★★★
ATMOSPHERE: ★★
SERVICE: ★★★★★
VALUE FOR MONEY: ★★★★★

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

THEATRE

Sounds Great
Anyone interested in auditioning for future Sounds Great shows — singers, dancers or musicians — are requested to contact Ken Winston on 5740256/7 or 5758870.

CINEMA

British Council
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at 10.30 am on Thursday. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approx. Duration: 145 minutes.

SOCIAL

Eid Reunion
An Eid Reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Mes-silah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718517; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

Onam Festival
The Viswabarathi Theatre Group will celebrate Onam on Aug. 25 at the Indian Arts Centre. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese - 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly - 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradyil - 2422973.

United Goans Centre
The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton
Arab World Specialties are featured in Le Farouche Restaurant on Thursday night. Enjoy special lunch and dinner buffets with Lebanese cuisine on Friday in the same restaurant. Nightly dine in the Hunt room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt room offers a la carte.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridien

Tonight is the last jam session with Tony and Remy in La Brasserie. Eat to the beat of music and enjoy a buffet featuring a selection of meats, seafood and charcoal grilled specialties.

Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament
The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1, and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah MacAriam — Tel: 4843447.

YRC Football Finals
The finals of the Youth Recreation Centre (YRC) Football Tournament will be held between Incredible and Salceite on Friday, June 17, 4 pm, at Al Soor Ground. Faisal Al Dakheel, former captain of Kuwait's National Football Team, will be chief guest.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.25 Rahlal Haul Al Alam: cartoons
10.15 Shaqqah Bidoun Saqqal: daily serial, with Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz
11.00 Ila Abi Wa Ammi Ma'a Tahya: starring Hayat Al Fahd, Khalid Al Nafis
12.00 Good Morning/News

12.15 International Circus
1.50 Fawazir Al Munassab: featuring Yahya Fakhriani, Sabina, Hala Fuad
2.30 Al Bahloul: daily serial

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly local show

7.00 Al Farooqi Wal Zaman: prepared and presented by Mohiuddin Qudoor
Songs and Music
7.45 Al Bahath An Al Saadab: weekly serial starring Samir Ghanem, Hussein Mustafa

8.30 With Islam: Prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkour
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 From People's Art: Songs and Music
10.30 Youmiyat Imraah Asriya: Arabic feature film, starring Laila Taher, Salah Qabeel, Raja Al Jadawi

12.00 Late Night Variety Show presented by Amina Al Sharah
1.00 News Summary/Flory Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Children's Magazine
10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkoud: children's serial, featuring Abdul Aziz Haddad, Ahmad Al Hazim, Ali Al Mufaddal

10.45 Prophet's Sayings: hadith, religious programme presented by Dr Ahmad Abul Noor
11.15 Friday Prayer from Grand Mosque
12.25 Al Rada Wal Noor: religious serial, prepared and presented by Kariman Hamza

1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.35 Songs



Linda Hamilton and Ron Perimen star in Beauty and the Beast, Friday on KTV 2.



TV Bloopers, Thursday, KTV 2.

2.00 Preview of Next Week on KTV
2.30 Hadith: religious talk
3.30 Al Faris Al Aswad: Arabic feature film, starring Yahya Shahin, Roka, Farid Shawki, Samiha Tawfiq

5.45 Cartoons
6.15 Songs
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.30 Discussion, on Islamic Philosophy
8.25 Kul Al Funoon: Focus on Art
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Wrestling
10.50 Naseem: part two; Kuwaiti play, featuring Abdullah Habil, Maryam Saleh, Mahmud Jaber, Khalil Ismail. Directed by Mohammad Abdulsalam

11.45 News Summary
11.50 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 She Ra: The Tune in the Sword: cartoons
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show for young viewers
7.00 Rags to Riches: Foley's girls plan a

special party.
8.00 News in English
8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes
9.05 Spenser for Hire: "Personal Demons." The director of an African famine group hires Spenser to find a criminal.
10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: comedy
10.30 Lute Night Movie: "Letting Go." Starring: Jack Bender, John Ritter, Sharon Gless, Max Gail. Two witty people, whose lives are shattered when he loses his wife and she's dumped by her lover, discover each other in a self-help group. Comedy drama written by Charlotte Brown. MTV, 1985
11.40 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Transformer
6.30 Out of this World: Evie and the Young Astronaut. Evie tries to join NASA's programme for astronaut, hoping to meet her father.

7.00 Airwolf II: action
8.00 News in English
8.15 The Beauty and the Beast: "China Moon." Catherine tries to help a Chinese girl.

9.15 Football: European Championship
11.00 The Wiseguy: "The Squeeze." Winnie and his mother are in trouble. Starring: Ken Wahl.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 She Ra: The Tune in the Sword: cartoons
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show for young viewers
7.00 Rags to Riches: Foley's girls plan a

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Alam Al Nagham: Classical Music
1500 Easy Listening
1600 Songs and Music
1800 Party Music
1900 Scene and Heard
2000 Party Music
2130 News
2145 Party Music
0200 Closedown

FRIDAY

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM
1400 Easy Listening
1500 Classical Hour
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Instrumental Music
1800 Pop
1900 International Top 20
2000 News
2145 Pop
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 The Spirit of Islam
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Pop International
0930 Your Kind of Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 The Hit Makers
1100 Closedown

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2300 The Way You Like It
2330 Star Tracks
2400 Closedown

FRIDAY

0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Muslims Around the World
0915 Songs and Music
0930 Kiddies Corner
1000 Songs and Music
1030 Singers and their Songs
1100 Closedown
Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2300 The Friday Request
2400 Closedown

RADIO PROGRAMMES

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Perchalyan
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Radio Magazine
2100 Closedown

FRIDAY

1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Quran-Hadith
2000 News
2015 Asa Ka Indikhab
2020 Man Chahe Geet
2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio News
30 King Street Junior (ex 23rd)
Radio Active: 30th Two Cheers for June
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK (ex 23rd and 30th Sportsworld)
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 From Coca to Cocaine
0400 Newsdesk
30 Classical Record Review
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Purbles' Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsdesk
30 Irving Berlin Among Friends
40 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
45 Network UK (ex 23rd and 30th Sportsworld)

0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Country Style
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Sportsworld followed by Sports Roundup
45 Society Today
1000 News Summary followed by Assignment
30 King Street Junior (ex 23rd)
Radio Active: 30th Two Cheers for June
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Sportsworld (ex 9th and 23rd)
New Ideas
25 (9th and 23rd only) Book Choice

30 Citizens
1200 Radio News
15 Multitrack 2
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK (ex 23rd and 30th Sportsworld)
45 Sportsworld (ex 9th and 23rd Folk in Britain)
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Write On... (ex 10th Sportsworld)
1500 Radio News
15 The Pleasure of Yours
1600 World News
09 News about Britain (ex 2nd Commentary)
15 Assignment (ex 23rd and 30th Sportsworld)
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary (ex 2nd A Letter from England)
15 Citizens
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Discovery
1900 Outlook, opening with News summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Here's Humph!
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by Talking From... (ex 23rd and 30th Sportsworld)
15 A Jolly Good Show
2200 World News
09 The World Today
25 Book Choice (ex 2nd A Letter from England)
30 Financial News
40 Reflections
45 Sports Roundup
2300 World News
09 Commentary
15 Seven Seas
30 Irving Berlin and Friends
40 The Farming World

Friday
0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio News
30 Music Now
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 3rd and 17th Jazz Scene UK; 10th and 24th Folk in Britain
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Tech Talk (ex 24th Sports-world)
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Vintage Chart Show
0400 Newsdesk
30 Country Style
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 The Politics of Laughter (ex 3rd Education Today)
45 The World Today
0600 Newsdesk
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Write On...
45 Seven Seas (ex 24th Sports-world)

0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Schubert Anthology
30 Music Now
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Future Imperfect (ex 24th The Mixer)
1000 News Summary followed by Andy Kershaw's World of Music
15 Seven Seas
30 Jazz for the Asking
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 3rd and 17th Sportsworld; 10th and 24th Talking from...
30 Meridian
1200 Radio News
15 Europe's World
30 Business Matters
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
45 Sports Roundup
30 3rd Jazz Scene UK; 10th John Peel; 17th Wrie On... 24th Sportsworld
40 Sportsworld (ex 10th John Peel cont'd; 24th The Mixer)
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Nature Notebook (ex 17th Sportsworld)
1500 Radio News
15 After Henry
45 Four Stories by Elizabeth Bowen
1600 World News
09 News about Britain (ex 3rd Commentary)
15 Science in Action (ex 24th Sportsworld)
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary (ex 3rd A Letter from Northern Ireland)
15 Music Now
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Multitrack 3
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Postcard View
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Science in Action
2100 News Summary followed by Network UK (ex 24th Sports-world)
15 Europe's World
30 Business Matters
45 Behind the Wall
2200 World News
09 The World Today
25 (ex only) A Letter from Northern Ireland
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JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

When we live in a country where it can be either very hot or cold, we should all be especially careful about the things we do if we want to stay well when the weather is at its worst.

If, like me, you come from a country where there is not much sunshine, you might feel only too happy to rush outside and spend hours playing on the beach, in a park or in your own garden. But, be careful. Too much time in the sun can leave you feeling very unwell and can also be dangerous. Not only that, if you have fair skin, you will burn very easily and that too can be painful.

Another thing, of course, is that high temperatures make you thirsty, but here again, you need to take care. Guzzle gallons of ice-cold drinks and tons of ice-cream and you will probably end up with a nasty stomach-ache!

Hot days also mean that people go out after dark to enjoy the cool of the evening. If you are out with your family, do stay near them at all times. It may seem great fun to wander off alone, but it is not so funny if you get lost and it is also very worrying for your parents.

Enjoy the summer, but take good care.

Auntie Jayne.

Hungry snail



Let's cook

Cheese straws

Ingredients
100g (4 oz) flour
50g (2 oz) margarine
50g (2 oz) Cheddar cheese
Pinch of salt and pepper
1 egg
Optional:
1 teaspoonful dried parsley
1 pinch dry mustard

Equipment

Tablespoon
Table knife
Sieve
Mixing bowl
Rolling pin
Cheese grater
Baking tray
Fork

1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 6 (electricity 400F/200°C).
2. Sift the flour and salt into the mixing bowl. Add the margarine and cut into small pieces. Rub together with your fingertips until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.
3. Grate the cheese and stir

it into the flour mixture, (add parsley).

4. Beat egg lightly with fork (add mustard).

5. Pour egg into mixture and mix with knife and then fingertips, to form a dough. (If the mixture is too dry add a few drops of cold water).

6. Roll out the dough on a floured surface and cut into long thin strips about 12cm (5 in) long and 0.5 cm (1/4 in) wide.

7. Place on a lightly greased baking tray and put in the oven.

8. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden and firm at the edges.
9. Allow to cool. Cheese straws can be stored in an airtight tin.

Note
To make 'straw' bundles, cut circles with a pastry cutter and cut out the centre using a smaller cutter. When baked, place straws in rings.



Ha! Ha!

'What has a lot of legs, green eyes and a yellow hairy back?'

'I don't know, what?'

'I don't know either, but it's crawling up the back of your neck!'

'What do you give someone who has everything?'

Penicillin.

What is white, fluffy and beats its chest in a baker's shop?

A meringue-utan. Why do bears have fur coats?

Because they'd look stupid in plastic mackintoshes.

If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?

Nine. Why do storks stand on one leg?

If they lifted up both, they would fall over.

By the Brothers Grimm

IN a certain kingdom once lived a poor miller who had a very beautiful daughter. She was, moreover, exceedingly shrewd and clever, and the miller was so vain and proud of her that he one day told the king of the land that his daughter could spin gold out of straw. Now this king was very fond of money, and when he heard of the miller's boast his greed was excited and he ordered the girl to be brought before him. Then he led her to a chamber where there was a great quantity of straw, gave her a spinning-wheel and said, 'All this must be spun into gold before morning, if you value your life.'

She began to cry over her hard fate, when suddenly the door opened, and a funny-looking little man hobbled in and said 'Good day to you my sweet lass, what are you weeping for?' 'Alas!' answered she, 'I must spin this straw into gold, and I don't know how.' 'What will you give me,' said the little man, 'to do it for you?' 'My necklace,' replied the maiden. He took her at her word and sat himself down to the wheel; round about it went merrily and, presently, the work was done and the gold spun.

When the king came and saw this he was greatly astonished and pleased, but his heart grew still more greedy and he shut up

the poor miller's daughter again with a fresh task. Then she did not know what to do, and sat down once more to weep, but the little man presently opened the door and said, 'What will you give me to do your task?' 'The ring on my finger,' she replied. So her little friend took the ring and began to work at the wheel, till by the morning, all was finished.

The king was again delighted to see all this glittering treasure, but still he was not satisfied and took the miller's daughter into a yet larger room, and said, 'All this must be spun tonight, and if you succeed, you shall be my queen.' As soon as she was alone the dwarf came in and said, 'What will you give me to spin gold for you this third time?' 'I have nothing left,' said she. 'Then promise me,' said the little man, 'your first little child when you are queen.' 'That may never be,' thought the miller's daughter, but as she knew no other way to get her task alone she promised him what he asked, and he once more spun the whole heap of gold. The king came in the morning and, finding all he wanted, married her, and so the miller's daughter really became queen.

At the birth of her first

Rumpelstiltskin

little child the queen rejoiced very much and forgot the little man and her promise, but one day he came into her chamber and reminded her of it, and he said, 'I will give you three days' grace, and if, during that time, you tell me my

name, you shall keep your child.'

Now the queen lay awake all night, thinking of all the odd names that she had ever heard, and dispatched messengers all over the land to inquire after new ones. The next



day the little man came, and she began with Timothy, Benjamin, Jeremiah and all the names she could remember; but to all of them he said: 'That's not my name.'

The second day she began with all the comical names she could hear of, Bandy-legs, Hunch-back, Crookshanks and so on, but the little gentleman still said to every one of them.

'That's not my name.' The third day one of the messengers came back and said, 'I can hear of no other name, but yesterday, as I was climbing a high hill among the trees of the forest where the fox and the hare bid each other good night, I saw a little hut, and before the hut burnt a fire, and round the fire danced a funny little man upon one leg and sang:

'Merrily the feast I'll make, Today I'll brew, tomorrow bake; Merrily I'll dance and sing, Rumpelstiltskin is my name! My lady cannot play this game; For next day will a stranger bring.'

When the queen heard this she jumped for joy, and as soon as her little visitor came and said, 'Now, lady, what is my name?'

'Is it John?' asked she.

'No!'

'Is it Tom?'

'No!'

'Can your name be Rumpelstiltskin?'

'Some witch told you that! Some witch told you that!' cried the little man, and in a rage dashed his right foot so deep into the floor that he was forced to lay hold of it with both hands to pull it out. Then he made off as fast as possible, while everybody laughed at him for having had all his trouble for nothing and for being called such a funny name.

When the ice invaded the land

About 38 million years ago, when the first large mammals were living on Earth, the climate underwent a great change. In the Oligocene Period, 38 to 27 million years ago, it was still warm and temperate but in the Miocene which followed it grew colder, affecting the spread of the plants. Many tropical or subtropical types of plants disappeared and even the woods shrank to be replaced by immense grassy plains.

The effects of this change on animal evolution were far-reaching. Many mammals who had been used to feeding on the shoots of trees and bushes had to adapt to feeding on grass. This led to their gradual transformation, which was particularly noticeable in the shape of their teeth and the structure of their feet and necks.

In the Miocene Period, the mountain chains which had begun to emerge in the earlier periods continued to be lifted up. New land surfaced above the sea, with the result that the oceans shrank. These movements were completed in the Pliocene Period (the last in the Cenozoic Era), which lasted 8 million years. By the end of it, the shape of the continents was as it is today. The fossils discovered in Pliocene soil show animal forms which are in many ways similar to those of the present. Other fossils belong to species which are now extinct but it is easy to imagine the exact shape of their bodies.

The strangest of these were certain forms of proboscidea, such as the Amebelodon, with long, flexible noses.

When the world began

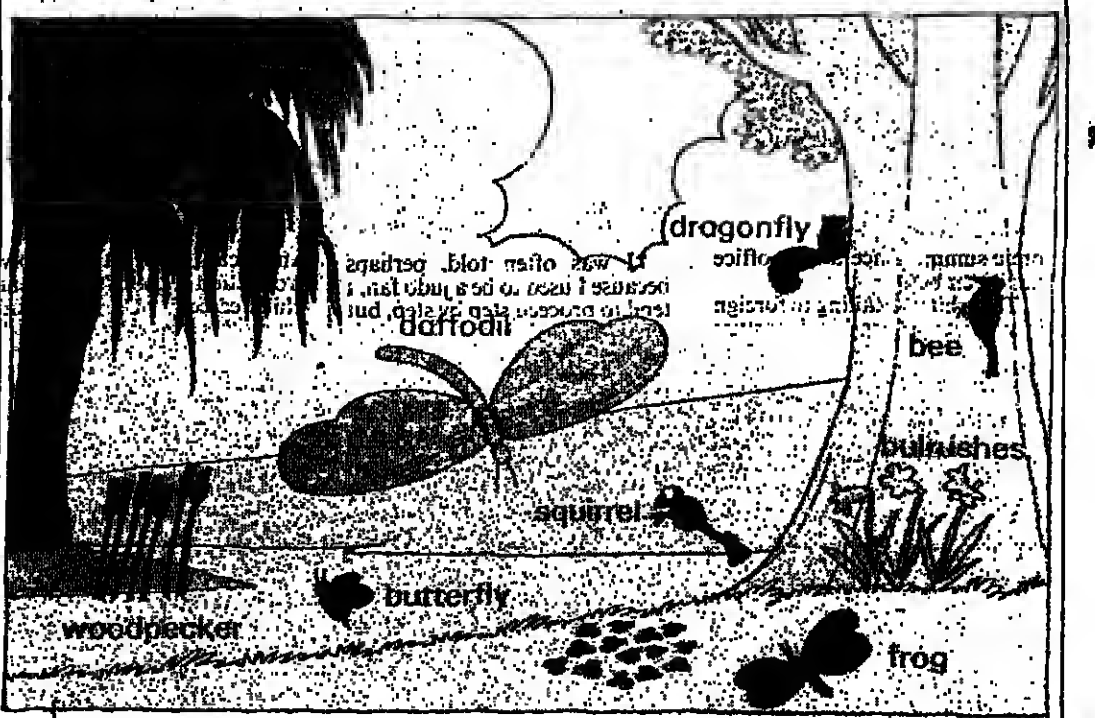
Animal-life had already attained the variety of modern times when, about a million years ago, new changes in climate occurred, upsetting the pattern of life on the continents. The cold became intense and large ice-caps covered the globe as far down as our latitudes, driving nearly all the living beings towards the tropics. Some animals, however, managed to adapt to the new climatic conditions and continued to live in the regions of the North. A typical example of this is the mammoth, a large woolly elephant, remains of which have even recently been found in the frozen sands of Siberia.



The severe cold froze vast stretches of water, particularly around the North and South Poles. Water vapour froze in the clouds and fell as snow, covering the continents so thickly that it did not melt. This made the flow of the rivers dwindle so much that many of them disappeared and the seas were no longer fed as they used to be. The level of the oceans thus gradually dropped and the floors of the seas were revealed. Even the deep trench of the Bering Strait was left dry, after several million years under water.

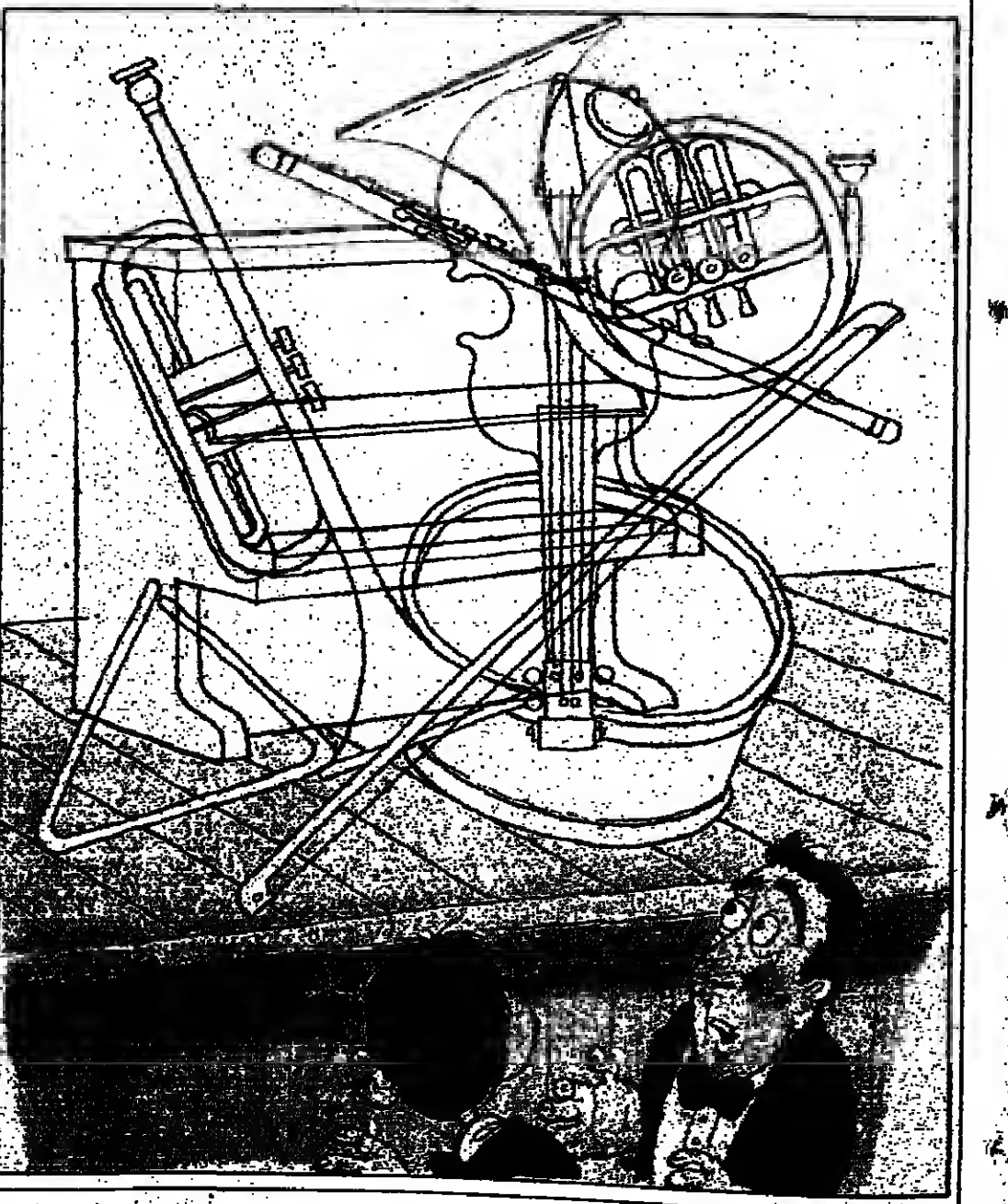
Country quiz

Here are some plants and animals you might find in the countryside. Draw a line to match them with their correct names.



Musical mess

All the musicians playing at a concert have left their instruments in a muddle. Can you unscramble the outlines to find them all?



Truly amazing!

A French scientist discovered how to make paper from wood by watching wasps make paper-like nests by chewing up food.

An Indian poem called the 'Mahabharata' contains almost three million words.

There is nearly three times as much energy in 100 g of butter as in 100 g of steak.

During the Black Death in the middle of the fourteenth century 75 million people died.

George Washington, the first President of the United States, was a champion wrestler and long-jumper.

A lieutenant in the Soviet Air Force fell 6,700 metres without a parachute; he landed in a snow-covered ravine.

The British spend twice as much on pet food as on baby food.

The longest vehicular tunnel in the world is the London Underground line from Morden to East Finchley; it is 17 miles 528 yards long.

One in ten of the men who died in Britain in 1976 died of lung cancer.

The first Olympics were held in Athens in 1896, with nine nations competing.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saudis and Egypt discuss electricity link-up

CAIRO, June 15, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Electricity and Energy Minister Abdulaziz Al Zamil has held talks here with Egyptian Electricity and Energy Minister Maher Abaza on the possibility of establishing a power link between the two countries.

The ministers examined research studies compiled on the scheme after the completion of Saudi Arabia's domestic electricity network.

The two sides signed a memorandum of understanding calling for increased co-operation in electricity.

Al Zamil said that a detailed study was now in hand for setting up a consolidated electricity network among the six member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

He pointed out that the generation of electricity in Saudi Arabia was dependent on oil and gas, although a lot of research had gone into harnessing solar power.

Al Zamil extended an invitation to Abaza to visit Saudi Arabia to see various electricity development projects.

If Venezuelan definition of condensates is adopted

Kuwait threatens to exceed output quota

VIENNA, June 15, (UPI): Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said today Kuwait would consider exceeding its output quota by up to 300,000 barrels a day if OPEC accepts a definition by Venezuela of what constitutes crude oil.

Speaking at a news conference on the agreement that 12 of the 13 OPEC countries reached yesterday at the end of their summer conference, Sheikh Ali called on the organisation to quickly resolve the "ridiculous position" whereby member nations invest huge sums to try and develop condensates to enable them to exceed their production quotas.

The four-day conference agreed to renew for six months the OPEC production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day. But it did not resolve the problem of Venezuela and other states labelling some extremely light crude as condensates, which are the hydrocarbon liquids derived from gas at the well-head that are exempt from quotas.

Venezuela's Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grissanti said yesterday a special OPEC committee would continue to work

on the complex condensates problem.

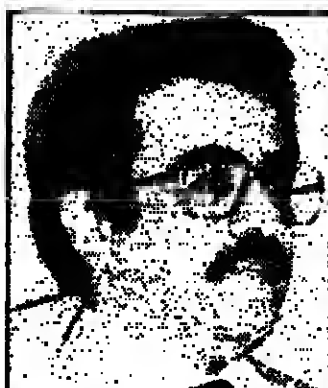
But the Kuwaiti oil minister said if the committee accepts Venezuela's proposed definition it would mean that between 200,000 and 300,000 of flat condensates Kuwait produces as crude also should be excluded from its quota. Kuwait currently is producing around one million barrels per day in all and would boost its output to as much as 1.3 million barrels per day if Venezuela does not curb its abuse of condensates, he said.

Conciliation Sheikh Ali stressed the spirit of conciliation that marked the end of the OPEC meeting yesterday in sharp contrast to deep divisions on price strategy that marked the start of the conference.

"Our intention is not to put pressure on any country," Sheikh Ali said.

Nevertheless, OPEC-watchers said his remarks were tough advice to Venezuela to back down from its stand.

Sheikh Ali said other countries also would boost production if Venezuela does not come into line. Oil analysts said that if all



Sheikh Ali

OPEC members took Venezuela's definition to its logical conclusion it could mean extra output of as much as two million barrels per day.

"It is a ridiculous position where a country spends hundreds of millions (of dollars) developing condensates because they are outside the quota," Sheikh Ali said.

Optimism "We should distinguish between them (condensates) and light crude in an easy manner," he said.

OPEC president and Nigerian

Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman yesterday expressed optimism the new agreement offered a good chance of achieving OPEC's target price of \$18 a barrel by year end. World markets evidently agreed. Oil prices surged.

Iraq declined to sign the accord on grounds it wants to be allowed to produce the same as its Gulf war enemy Iran. "As long as Iraq is outside the agreement we can only hope it will exercise restraint," Lukman said.

Rejected

The Kuwaiti oil minister today said it made sense for all OPEC members to allow Iraq parity with Iran's output quota of 2.4 million barrels per day because the Baghdad government would have to reduce its output and this would help push up prices.

"I think it should be practical to give them a quota. We should have a crack at it" at the next OPEC meeting on Nov 21, Sheikh Ali said.

The Kuwaiti oil minister also rejected flatly criticism by Venezuela and Iraq that some 300,000 barrels per day of crude that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia

give to Iraq as "war relief" from a "neutral zone" on their common desert border should be included in the quotas of Kuwait and the kingdom.

Sheikh Ali said it was OPEC policy that oil loans should form part of the quota of the borrower not the lender. This was the policy when Venezuela loaned oil to Ecuador, he said.

Sheikh Ali said he expected the maverick UAE would abide by the accord reached yesterday. "Anybody who signs that agreement is bound by that agreement," he said.

The Oil Minister of the UAE, Mana Saeed Oteiba, after the final conference session yesterday said his quota was "an allocated quota and not necessarily an official quota," starting speculation the Gulf federation would instantly continue to exceed its ceiling of pumping 945,000 barrels per day.

But Sheikh Ali said "all of us have allocated quotas" and expressed sympathy for the UAE's dissatisfaction with its ceiling. Oteiba had left the meeting suddenly on Sunday after criticism of the UAE for cheating on its quota.

World Business Summary

Egypt and Venezuela urge co-ordination on debts

CAIRO, June 15, (Reuters): Egypt and Venezuela called today for a co-ordinated effort between advanced and developing nations to solve the problem of Third World debt. "These problems should be tackled in a co-ordinated framework and combined efforts between the advanced and developing countries," a joint statement said at the end of a three-day state visit by Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi. Both countries are middle-ranking debtors. Egypt owes about \$40 billion to foreign governments and banks while Venezuela has a \$30-billion debt. "The foreign debt problem has already generated serious political and social dimensions and is threatening the development and stability of many developing countries," an English version of the statement said. During the visit, the first by a Venezuelan leader to Egypt, Lusinchi had one round of talks with President Hosni Mubarak on major world issues and prospects of increased bilateral contacts. The statement said the two countries, both major oil exporters, agreed on the need for more co-operation to stabilise prices on the world oil market. Venezuela is a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but Egypt does not belong to the 13-nation group.

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki and Venezuelan Foreign Minister German Nava Carrillo signed an agreement yesterday covering co-operation in various fields. Lusinchi left today for Luxor in southern Egypt on a sight-seeing tour of pharaonic monuments. The statement said Mubarak accepted an invitation to visit Venezuela but gave no date.

Soviet Union hurries to ease tax burden on co-operatives

MOSCOW, June 15, (AP): The Soviet government is hurrying to lower taxes for co-operatives before a new law goes into force on July 1 broadening the rights of the thousands of independent enterprises that are key to the reform movement. Tass said yesterday. The quick drop in tax rates was a victory for those who support efforts by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev to reform the Soviet economy and provide a better quality and selection of consumer goods and services. The Supreme Soviet, the nominal national parliament, passed a new law last month ensuring that co-operatives, owned by their members rather than the state, can compete on an equal footing with state-run businesses. But the law would have left in place a new tax ladder established by the Finance Ministry forcing co-operatives to pay the state up to 90 per cent of their profits. In a rare show of independence, Supreme Soviet deputies complained that the taxes would strangle the co-operatives, and called for a change. A leading reform advocate, economist Nikolai Shmelcer, told a news conference several days after the law was approved that rewriting the tax law might take as long as a year. However, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday that government experts will have the new law ready in the next several weeks.

Indonesian and Japanese firms agree joint venture

JAKARTA, June 15, (AP): Indonesia's Nusantara Aircraft Industry and the new media development organisation of Japan have agreed to establish a joint venture company to produce computers, officials said. The state-run Indonesian company will provide 51 per cent of the financing, or \$15.5 million, while the Japanese company will provide the rest of the funds, officials said. The new company is to be called Nusantara Systems International. It will be based in the west Java capital of Bandung, officials said. "The company will operate in production and application of both macro and micro computers," said B.J. Habibie, president of Nusantara Aircraft Industry. He is also the Indonesian minister of research and technology. The new company is expected to employ about 500 workers by 1993, officials said.

European carriers see steady passenger growth through 1992

BRUSSELS, Belgium, June 15, (AP): The Association of European Airlines predicted today that the number of passengers on the European routes of its 21 member air carriers will rise to 65.5 million by 1992 from 51.3 million this year, an annual average increase of 6.6 per cent. But in its forecast it added that the AEA members expect per-passenger revenue yield to drop an average of two per cent a year over the next five years. "The scenario is that in fact fares will rise but not as fast as inflation," Jan Brundin, the AEA's manager for economics and forecasting, said. The AEA issued no forecast for traffic outside Europe but Brundin said passenger growth on AEA airlines on the North Atlantic route was expected to be similar as that within Europe over the next five years. The 21 AEA members are: Aer Lingus, Air France, Air Malta, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, British Airways, Finnair, Iberia, Icelandair, JAT, KLM, Lufthansa, Luxair, Malev, Olympic Airways, Sabena, SAS, Swissair, Tap Air Portugal, Turkish Airlines and UTA.

Takeshita defends slowness in opening markets to US

TOKYO, June 15, (UPI): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita defended Japan's slowness to opening its markets to US goods today, saying the gradual pace is due to a difference in the "mentality" of Americans and Japanese.

Takeshita, speaking on the eve of his meeting with the heads of the seven leading industrialised democracies in Toronto, said he will ask the leaders to resist pressure to protect their markets from foreign goods.

First The meeting with President Reagan and the leaders of West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada beginning on Sunday will be Takeshita's first economic summit since he took office in November.

Takeshita, speaking to foreign journalists before his departure tomorrow, said the leaders should discuss ways to "co-

operate for the prevention of trade protectionism."

The United States has repeatedly criticised Japan for its protectionist policies which restrict the import of US goods.

Takeshita said the Japanese may be slow, but they are gradually opening their markets. US Commerce Secretary William Verity said in New York last week that the Japanese follow "what I call the three G method of negotiation — give ground grudgingly."

Asked if Verity was correct, Takeshita said, "As to the grudging aspect, there may be some differences between the mentality of the peoples of our two countries."

"I was often told, perhaps because I used to be a judo fan, I tend to proceed step by step, but why don't I instead try to proceed stride by stride," Takeshita said.

OECD strikes an optimistic note

Global economy still expanding

LONDON, June 15, (Reuters): The global economy is still expanding, even though several of the dangers which stampeded investors on "Black Monday" Oct 19 are still around.

Despite the crash, Japanese and other investors, and central banks, have gone on lending money to the United States — financing its huge deficits and fuelling a credit-driven boom which, for almost six years, has helped keep the rest of the world out of a slump.

Worries Worries that the boom depended too much on consumer spending and not enough on investment and exports in Japan and the United States have been reduced by a report that US economic growth in the first quarter of this year was 6.4 per cent.

"It's got to point toward a revival of the US economy," World Bank President Barber Conable said yesterday's trade figures, in a mood of oar euphoria, the dollar soared and stocks in New York, Tokyo and London rose to post-crash highs.

Leaders of the seven major non-communist industrial powers at their June 19-21 summit in Toronto are therefore unlikely to feel they have to take any dramatic initiative.

Measures to alleviate the modest debt of the poorest African states may be their signal achievement.

Optimistic Even before the trade data, economists at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Paris-based "think tank" of 24 industrial nations which does the homework for the annual economic

summits, had struck an optimistic note.

Six months ago the OECD was worried by the way the financial crash had robbed industrial economies of perhaps two trillion dollars of potential — if notional — consumer spending power.

But its latest report, issued on June 9, said: "The October stock market crash has not had lasting effects on business confidence." The OECD saw industrial economies expanding this year by around three per cent, not much changed from 1987.

It warned, however, against complacency. "Even though the world cannot live on money alone, the United States is running up debt at a rate approaching half a billion dollars a day."

So far, the Japanese and others have gone on financing a US budget deficit likely to be around \$150 billion this year. But the risk remains that, at some point, the United States might have to move interest rates sharply higher to continue to attract funds.

Triggers Fears on this score were among apparent triggers of the October shake-out in the financial markets.

Besides aggravating the crisis over the Third World's \$1.2 trillion of debt, and panicking Wall Street again, costlier money might abruptly end the US economic expansion.

As Japan's rise on the dollar, perhaps triggered by the inflation fears now nagging financial markets, could force interest rates up.

US predicts increase in world rice output

WASHINGTON, June 15, (AP): The world's output of rice is headed up, led by a sharply expanded acreage in the United States, the Agriculture Department said yesterday.

If indicated plantings are borne out and yields are in line with past trends, US rice production could be around 157 million hundredweight this year, up 23 per cent from 1987, the department's Economic Research Service said.

Assuming a return to normal weather in Asia, production could rise seven per cent in 1988-89, the agency said. In that case, global rice consumption would be expected to increase substantially following last year's decline, the first since 1971-72.

Donor countries to meet in Paris next week

Indian growth depends on monsoon and exports

NEW DELHI, June 15, (Reuters): India's donor countries are meeting in Paris next week to put together their annual aid package but economists said the unpredictable monsoon and higher exports were more important to the country's growth.

The World Bank has urged donor countries in the so-called India consortium to provide \$3.8 billion in low interest, long term loans to India in 1988/89.

Meet. The consortium, with Japan the biggest donor followed by Britain, France and West Germany, will meet in Paris on June 20 and 21 to discuss India's co-ordination aid requirements under the chairmanship of the World Bank.

Economist Y P Srivastava said India could achieve six per cent

growth in Gross National Product if monsoon rains were good and exports increased by five or 10 per cent.

"Everything depends upon food production. Food production depends on the monsoon and the monsoon depends upon luck," said Srivastava, head of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce.

Consortium members, including the European Economic Community and Asian Development Bank, put together a \$5.4 billion package in the financial year from July 1, 1987. This included 3.3 billion in concessional aid.

Recommended This year the bank has recommended a total of \$5.8 billion.

J L Bajaj, a senior Indian Finance Ministry official, said: "We

should be fairly satisfied if (concessional aid) comes to \$3.8 billion."

He said the World Bank was happy with the way India managed last year's drought, the worst in a century, and had acknowledged the Indian success was made possible by its domestic resources.

Soft loans Bajaj said India's development effort was based mainly on internal resources and foreign credits were on marginal help.

Economist Vasant Chitale said India could do with more soft loans with repayments spread over 30 to 35 years, but in real terms it appeared these would remain at about \$3 billion.

Bajaj predicted exports would grow in the current year by at least six per cent in real terms

from a provisional estimate of Rs. 157 billion (\$12 billion) in 1987/88.

Bajaj said exports to 1987/88 rose by at least 10 per cent in real terms although commodity exports increased by only 30 per cent from Rs. 125 billion (\$9.6 billion) in 1986/87.

Exports have already predicted that India will have a good monsoon this summer. Rain has already reached parts of southern and eastern India.

Target

But Chitale warned: "The spillover of last year's drought will still be there and if the monsoon is not very good we are in for price increases."

Srivastava said a good monsoon could ensure India reached its foodgrain production target

of 165 million tonnes. In the 1987/88 drought year it was down to 135 million tonnes from 144 million in the previous year.

He said accelerated exports were needed to boost declining foreign exchange reserves which, excluding gold and special drawing rights, totalled Rs. 63.6 billion (\$4.8 billion) at the end of January against Rs. 70.5 billion (\$5.4 billion) the year before.

Alternative "Considering all these things, the only alternative is to accelerate growth of exports," Srivastava said.

"However, 1988/89 appears to be a good year for the country. It is possible we will achieve our GNP target of six per cent."

Aquino seeks economic aid in Switzerland

BERN, June 15, (UPI): Philippines President Corazon Aquino held talks with the Swiss government today to seek financial and economic aid in overcoming the crushing problem of a \$29 billion foreign debt.

Aquino was also informed about the current status of court proceedings to oblige banks to disclose and return an estimated \$1 billion slashed away by former President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife and friends.

The one day of talks in the Swiss capital today was the first ever official visit to Switzerland by a Filipino head of state.

Trip Aquino, also making her first trip to Europe as president, arrived in Geneva on Monday to be a guest speaker yesterday to the annual conference of the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO).

She appealed in her address for greater aid and debt relief for her own and other Third World countries, warning that economic problems and poverty jeopardise the progress of democracy.

Travelling from Geneva to Bern for the day today, she met first with Swiss Foreign Minister Rene Felder and then with Finance Minister Otto Stich, also president of Switzerland for 1988. The presidency rotates

annually among the seven members of the Federal Council or cabinet.

Aquino and Stich signed a memorandum on a mixed Swiss credit of 60 million Swiss francs (\$42 million at current exchange rates).

Emphasised Officials on both sides said Aquino emphasised the hopes of the Philippines to erase its deficit in trade with Switzerland which amounted to \$340 million over the past 10 years.

The Federal Council then gave an official luncheon for Aquino. Also meeting the Philippines President was Swiss Justice Minister Elisabeth Kopp, officials said.

They said there was no "official discussion" of Manila's efforts to obtain the return of funds embezzled by Marcos and hidden in Swiss accounts but that Kopp did informally report on the current status of court proceedings.

Freezing The Philippines estimates the amount of the money in Switzerland at \$1 billion or more.

The Swiss government in 1986, soon after Aquino became president, ordered the freezing of all such funds but under banking secrecy laws the banks can disclose account details only on a court order.

EEC to end curbs on capital movements from 1990

LUXEMBOURG, June 15, (AP): European Economic Community finance ministers have agreed to launch a two-stage removal of all controls on capital movements within the EEC starting in 1990 in what was hailed as a major step toward a unified European market.

Monday's accord will let EEC citizens open bank accounts and obtain other financial services such as loans in any of the 12 EEC member states.

Competition EEC officials said this will spur more competition among banks and create a single financial market competitive in size with that of the United States and Japan.

"Creation of this large financial area... should make it possible for (EEC banks) to catch up with the financial centres in Tokyo and New York," said Jacques Delors, president of the EEC's Executive Commission.

"The freedom of capital flows is an important step toward creation of a European Market and a Monetary Union," West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, the meeting's chairman, told reporters.

Removal of the money controls is to take effect in eight of the EEC's most developed nations on July 1, 1990.

Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland may retain their controls until the end of 1992. Greece and

Portugal will be allowed to extend the transition period until 1995.

Of the other eight, only France, Italy and Denmark still maintain strict controls on capital. The others have already fully liberalised their capital markets.

Hamper The accord figures in the EEC's "internal market" plan under which all internal borders that still hamper a free flow of people, goods and services are to be removed by 1992.

It was reached despite last-minute concerns by France and Denmark that the measure would encourage tax evasion and fraud.

French Finance Minister Pierre Berezgovey first sought to link the capital liberalisation to a requirement that the EEC mandate equal tax levels throughout the trade bloc.

This was firmly rejected by Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said it would force his country to levy unpopular value-added (sales) taxes on food, children's clothing and other items.

In the end, the ministers asked the EEC Commission to study the issue and make any tax equalisation proposals by June 30, 1989. But a vote on these must be unanimous, effectively giving Britain a veto right, while the accord to free capital flows

would proceed on schedule regardless of the outcome.

"All in all, it was a useful day's work," Lawson told reporters after the meeting. "The liberalisation of capital markets goes ahead on schedule."

"It's very happy news because if we had not managed to come to an agreement today, it would have put the creation of a unified internal market in the EEC by 1992 in a very bad light," said an EEC Commission official, who asked not to be named.

The accord must now be approved by the European Parliament, but officials said that was a formality.

Meanwhile, West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher said yesterday, the EEC has put the final touches to an agreement on its future financing, removing a potential sore point from the agenda of this month's EEC summit meeting.

Settled

Genscher said two days of talks among the 12 EEC, or Common Market, foreign ministers, had settled the remaining technical issues in a financial accord reached at the last EEC summit, on Feb 11 and 12 in Brussels.

The financial agreement changes the way member countries contribute to the common EEC budget and sets limits on certain areas of spending. It also sharply

increased the amount of money to be made available over the next five years to aid the EEC's poorer regions.

Italy, Spain and Portugal had contested certain provisions of the February summit agreement. "Germany has succeeded in getting the 12 (members) to agree on budgetary discipline," Genscher said. "The progress of the Community will be favourably influenced by these agreements."

Agenda

He said West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl would lay out the June 27-28 EEC summit agenda in a letter to his fellow heads of government next week. The summit is to be held in Hanover, West Germany.

The summit is expected to focus on efforts to speed up the removal of trade barriers between the EEC member countries and discuss ways of promoting greater economic and monetary co-operation in Europe.

Jacques Delors, the EEC Commission president, told reporters in Luxembourg that he believed the Hanover meeting would be successful.

"The Community is in good spirits and moving ahead under the German chairmanship," he said. "I hope this will be confirmed in the coming months," he added in reference to Greece taking over from West Germany as chairman of the EEC's governing council of ministers on July 1.

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ENTER OIL	431.0	TAMEX	256/0
FIK BARCK	126/0	TATRYL+LE	824.0
FERRANTI	81/2	THORN EN	154/0
GEN ACCIT	928.0	THORN EN	658.0
GEN ELEC	150/0	TRAF HSE	319/0
GLAXO	983/0	TSB	106/0
GRANADA	31.50	T + N	177.0
GLOBE	140.0	TRUSTHSE	247.0
GLYNED	458.0	ULTRAMAR	302/0
GRAND MET	522/0	UNILEVER	408/0
GUTHRY	950/0	UMIGATE	328/0
GKN	329.0	UD BISG	307/0
GYNAL	338.0	UD WASHP	548.0
GRESHAM A	658.0	WELLCOME	554/0
HANSON	34.00	WHITRO B	310/0
HAKSER SID	512/4	WILLIAMS	297/0
HILLSDOWN	278/0	WILLIS FB	277/0
ICI	052/0	WINPEY GE	245/0
INCO	200.0	WOOLWORTH	292/0

LONDON

(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	13/0	13/0
2ND ALLCE	72/0	72/0
A.G.ELECT	419/0	420/0
A.S.W. NEW	162/0	163/0
AAH HLD	273/0	273/0
ARL HANSON	117/0	118/0
ACRE OIL	219.0	220.0
ADDITON	41/0	41/0
ADJEST	360/0	361/0
ALEX VIKO	185/0	185/0
ALEXON	398/0	399/0
ALLO COLL	136/0	136/0
ALLO PLMT	54/0	55/0
ALLIANCE	810/0	812/0
AMARI	252/0	252/0
AMEC	384/0	385/0
AMER TRST	125/0	126/0
AMERSHAM	452/0	453/0
AMI NYLTC	259/0	259/0
ANGLO O'S	214/0	215/0
ANGLO SEC	439/0	440/0
ANP PLC	115/0	116/0
APP PLY	115/0	115/0
AQUAS. A.	85/0	85/0
ARM EMIS	79/0	80/0
ARCHER AJ	153/0	153/0
ARLINGTON	202/0	203/0
ARMSTRONG	137/0	138/0
ASHLEY. LA	132/0	132/0
ATWOODS	311/0	311/0
US REE A	278/0	279/0
AUST REED	378/0	380/0
B.WERNITL	165/0	166/0
BAILL JAP	500/0	501/0
BANK IRE	20/0	20/0
BANKER IT	69/0	69/0
BANK OF	181/0	181/0
BANK DEV	181/0	185/0
BAYNEB C.	28/0	28/0
BEJAM GP	170/0	172/0
BELVUX NO	46/0	47/0
BENLHON	59/0	60/0
BENTALLS	186/0	186/0
BERRYKEY	339/0	340/0
BHAM MINT	193/0	193/0
BHM GROUP	119/0	119/0
BIRNIO DI	405/0	405/0
BC OF SCO	393/0	392/0
BLACKWOOD	52/4	52/4
BLK L2	19/4	19/4
BONNET +S	36/0	37/0
BOASE HAS	270/0	267/0
BODDINGTH	153/0	153/0
BOOTH INP	640/0	640/0
BOUCKER	399/0	400/0
BOURNE CL	42/0	42/0
BOURNE CL	381/0	383/0
BOUTWORE	158/0	159/0
BR ASSETS	66/4	67/0
BR DREDGI	169/0	169/0
BR LAND	339/0	339/0

BR VITA	221/0	221/0
BRAWNER	246/0	246/0
BREWER CBE	147/0	148/0
BROCK HUNT	409/0	408/0
BRIDON	181/0	181/0
BRITANNIC	170/0	170/0
BRITXON E	328/0	329/0
BRUNNER	108/0	107/0
BSR INTL	70/0	70/0
BULMER HP	181/0	182/0
CALOR GRP	369/0	368/0
CAMB ELEC	230/0	233/0
CAMP INST	35/0	34/0
CAMFORD E	198/0	198/0
CANNING W	198/0	198/0
CANTON ST	286/0	288/0
CAP GRP	298/0	298/0
CAP RFD	301/0	301/0
CARLCO EN	155/0	155/0
CARLESS C	126/4	127/0
CARLTON C	795/0	793/0
CASE GRP	90/0	89/0
CATER ALL	390/0	395/0
CEINTL ITV	548/0	548/0
CHARTERHA	20/0	20/0
CHAS CHUR	115/0	116/0
CHATER CN	343/0	343/0
CHLORIDE	51/0	51/0
CHRISTIES	553/0	553/0
CI GROUP	47/0	48/0
CIVYL PET	137/0	138/0
CLINTL-SEC	33/0	33/0
COALITE	313/0	313/0
COBURN	319/0	320/0
COLLINS A	460/0	463/0
A COLLINS W	558/0	565/0
COLDROLL	198/0	198/0
COSTAIN	325/0	325/0
COURTS A	179/0	180/0
A COURTS FR	203/0	248/0
COMTE (T)	115/0	115/0
CREST NHC	223/0	223/0
CRH	140/0	141/0
CRODA INT	190/0	191/0
CROWTHER	198/0	198/0
CROWN	167/0	158/0
CROWN ALAT	163/0	164/0
DARGENT	32/4	33/0
DANSON IN	210/0	211/0
DE LA RUE	404/0	405/0
DELTA GRP	311/0	311/0
DIPLOMA	222/0	222/0
DRAYTON C	430/0	430/0
DRG	391/0	391/0
DUNHILL	211/0	210/0
EAGLE TST	16/2	16/0
EDIN I.T.	155/0	156/0
ELECTRA	200/0	202/0
ELM BROOK	185/0	185/0
ELLIS EVE	185/0	185/0
ELLIS GOL	107.0	107.0
ENAP	218/0	218/0
EMPIRE ST	247/0	248/0
ETRA GROUP	90/0	91/0
ERAM	270/0	270/0
EURO W RG	25/4	25/0
EURO, HOME	314/0	315/0

HEYWOOD W	295/0	292/0
HICKSON N	204/0	205/0
HIGGS NGL	351/0	350/0
HORNBERG P	369/0	370/0
HOOG TST	220/0	220/0
HOLLIS L	116/0	117/0
HOPKINSON	109/0	109/0
HUSS GMS	105/0	105/0
HYT GROUP	220/0	218/0
IBSTOCK J	166/0	166/0
ICE, FZ. P	369/0	370/0
INER, M. OV	405/0	405/0
INDOPIOT	49/0	50/0
INDOPIOT W	13/0	13/0
INT. BU. CH	110/0	110/0
INT. CITY	153/0	152/0
INV. CAP.	332/0	333/0
INVERGORD	293/0	295/0
JALAN MATHO	310/0	310/0
KALAMAZOO	42/4	42/0
KALON P	33/4	33/4
KELT ENGY	54/0	54/0
KENBY BRK	42/0	413/0
KEYSON	88/4	88/0
KIX-FIT HP	6/0	6/0
KIXIC SAVE	346/0	348/0
KIXIC-FIT	116/0	116/0
LAING 'A'	343/0	343/0
LAING ORD	343/0	343/0
LAING PRG	250/0	250/0
LAIRD GP	250/0	250/0
LANDLEISU	371/0	370/0
LASMO OPS	193/0	195/0
LAURANCE, J	177/0	177/0
LBN & NBN	298/0	299/0
LBN & NET	192/0	190/0
LBN INTL	274/0	273/0
LBN SHD	236/0	237/0
LBN LUTO	152/0	150/0
LEIGH INT	246/0	247/0
LBN SERVC	385/0	388/0
LBN SCIE	35/0	35/0
LILLEY FJ	44/0	44/0
LIT	29/0	29/0
LWN (NH)	650/0	650/0
LWN RNRD	394/0	392/0
LWN-BONER	245/0	246/0
LVT LND	154/0	154/0
N+G GRP	363/0	362/0
N.T.-H. PLC	143/0	144/0
NACRO 4	283/0	283/0
NAL	102/0	101/0
NANDERS	201/0	203/0
NARCARTNY	235/0	234/0
NARLEY	144/0	146/0
NARSHALLS	242/0	237/0
NAT. SEC	83/0	83/0
NATHANIS B	83/0	82/0
NATHALINE	415/0	415/0
NACCRATHY	435/0	436/0
NACKECHNIE	316/0	315/0
NEMEC	220/0	220/0
NEMIZES J	352/0	353/0
NERCH, TST	147/0	147/0
NETALRAX	84/0	83/0
NEYER INT	385/0	386/0
NIDSUMMER	403/0	402/0

ROTOSCRD	189/0	189/0
ROTSCR	163/0	162/0
RUBBERD	210/0	210/0
RUGBY GRP	143/0	143/0
SAGA ROLS	206/0	206/0
SALVENSE	166/0	165/0
SAVILLE G	47/0	47/0
SAVOY *AM	120/0	125/0
SCAPA GP	243/0	244/0
SCOT MERI	187/0	189/0
SCOT I.T.	126/0	127/0
SCOT MET	141/0	142/0
SCOT MORT	103/0	104/0
SCOT TV	374/0	373/0
SCT NAT C	29/0	29/0
SCT NAT I	93/4	93/4
SCT NAT W	6/0	6/0
SECS STR	104/0	104/0
SUBJECT AS	75/0	76/0
SHERATON S	90/0	89/0
SIEBE	350/0	351/0
SIMON ENG	270/0	271/0
SINGER&FR	85/0	.86/0
SLOUGH ES	312/0	313/0
SMITH D	342/0	340/0
SMITH W-B	60/0	60/0
SMURFIT J	460/0	461/0
SOV.-O-GAS	155/0	158/0
SPONG HLD	15/4	15/4
SPRING HLD	15/4	15/4
SPRX-SARC	177/0	176/0
STAKIS	99/0	99/0
STANLEY A	306/0	306/0
STERNH RP	179/0	179/0
STORNGUARD	12/0	12/0
STVLY IND	151/0	151/0
T.-TEES TV	280/0	277/0
TELENETRVS	50/0	50/0
TELEGRXTS	230/0	232/0
TEMPLE BA	213/0	214/0
THRYNTIS N	130/0	131/0
THROGHTN	415/0	415/0
TI GROUP	328/0	328/0
TIE RACK	118/0	118/0
THE PROD	206/0	206/0
THEY LOHN	87/0	87/0
TR CITY	73/0	73/0
TR INDUSTRY	115/4	115/0
TR PACIFIC	51/0	50/4
TR TRISTEE	122/0	122/0
TRAVIS&C	345/0	345/0
TRINOCO	46/0	46/0
TRIPLEX	188/0	189/0
TRIMOOD G	30/0	30/0
TRIMOOD W	11/0	11/0
TRIPROV.DV	218/0	219/0
TURRIFF	294/0	295/0
TV SOUTH	331/0	331/0
TYLW LOHN	46/0	46/0
TYNDALL	160/0	161/0
U-BORLAND	116/0	116/0
U-BRD ST	50/0	51/0
U-CIFF	14/0	14/0
U-CLUFF	101/0	101/0
U-DEWEY W	128/0	128/0
U-ELDREGE	390/0	390/0
U-FIELDS	94/0	93/0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	32/4	32/5
ATLANTIC R	0	83/1
AAR CORP	24/5	24/6
ABBOTT LAB	43/1	45/1
ACE CLVID	11/1	11/1
ADCO MICRO	-16/0	16/1
AEROF LAB	9/1	9/0
AETNA LIFE	44/7	45/5
AMSON	16/5	16/6
AI PR-CBN	51/1	51/5
ALASKA AIR	17/6	18/0
ALBERTSONS	33/0	33/1
ALMA 8-16	0	83/0
ALCAN ALUM	31/7	32/4
ALCO STAND	25/7	27/1
AM CYMIND	50/4	50/7
AM ELET PM	28/7	29/0
AM HON PRO	76/0	76/0
AM HON PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STDARD	77/3	77/3
AM STORES	53/4	54/0
AM TEL-FEL	27/2	27/2
AMP CORP	77/2	77/2
AMP INC	13/6	13/5
AMPSCO PITT.	48/5	48/5
AMR CORP	48/2	48/1
AMR GEN CO	31/0	31/1
AMERLEA HE	28/4	28/3
APACHE CP	7/6	7/6
APACHE PET	2/6	2/6
ARMSTRONG	39/2	39/4
ASHLD OIL	69/6	70/0
ATLA PACIF	6/5	6/5
ATLS CORP	35/2	35/2
AVERY INT	23/5	23/6
AVNET INC	25/2	25/3
AVON PRODS	24/5	24/5
BOCE INC	30/6	30/5
BELL SOUTH	43/1	43/1
BETH STONE	30/6	30/6
BETH SECUR	21/3	21/3
BEVERTL	5/4	5/4
BKX BOSTON	28/0	28/1
BKX BSTN-A	49/1	49/2
BKX N-YORK	33/5	33/6
BKX TR-HY	37/2	37/4
BKHAN SEC	11/6	11/6
BOEING CO	6/6	6/6
BOEING CO	56/3	56/3
BOISE CASC	45/7	45/7
BORDEN	53/0	53/2
BOJATER	34/4	34/6
BR TELECOM	0	43/3
BRIGGS-STR	33/0	33/1
BRIST-NYER	41/4	41/7
BRUNSWICK	23/4	23/4
BURNDY CO	14/4	14/4
C 3 INC	11/1	11/0
CARD CORP	38/2	38/0
CAS FREIGHT	23/1	23/1
CAS MFG	14/6	14/6

FST BOSTON	32/2	31/2
FST CHICAG	29/5	29/5
FST INTERS	46/6	46/6
GAF CORP	48/6	48/6
GANNETT CO	32/6	33/6
GALVESTON	1/7	1/6
GATX CORP	47/7	47/7
GCA CP	0	5/1
GEARHART	,12	1/1
GEN DATA	0	3/1
GEN DYNMCS	54/6	55/6
GEN ELECTC	43/6	43/6
GEN HOST	11/4	11/4
GEN HOUSHR	0	8/1
GEN INSTR	39/0	39/0
GEN MILLS	48/4	48/4
GEN MOTORS,	79/7	79/7
GEN SIGNAL	54/2	54/1
GENCORP	19/2	19/2
GENETECH	26/6	26/6
GENUINE PA	38/5	38/5
GEPI 47-80	0	75/1
GEORGI PAC	40/4	40/4
SIBR FI-CL	3/2	3/2
GLOBAL WAR	1/0	1/1
GOLDEN NUG	14/1	14/1
GOODRICH	53/0	53/5
GOODYEAR	68/7	68/7
GOULD INC	19/3	19/3
GRAND TR	27/3	27/3
GRANGER	60/4	60/4
GREYHOUND	30/7	30/7
GRUHMANN	21/1	21/1
GULF RES-C	14/0	13/1
GULF-MESTX	43/6	43/6
HALLIBURTN	33/3	33/3
HALLIWOD	16/6	16/6
HANNA MIN	30/3	30/3
HARRIS CP	29/5	29/5
HARTNACK	26/6	27/6
HECLA INC	15/2	15/2
HEWLETT WJ	41/2	41/2
HEIL CURTIS	34/6	34/6
HELM-PATNE	22/6	22/2
HERSCULES	48/3	48/3
HESSTON	0	3/1
HEW-PACK	55/2	55/1
HExcel CP	34/5	34/5
HILTEMBRD	34/2	34/2
KITLN NTRLS	96/1	95/5
HITACHI	115/4	117/5
HMSTKE NIH	15/4	15/5
INDY-HARMN	17/4	17/4
INLOIAT C	28/6	28/6
KORE DEPT	29/1	29/1
KRATON	25/1	25/1
KONDA MOTR	13/4	13/4
KONEYWELL	75/4	75/4
BOUGHTN NI	36/5	36/5
ROUSTON IN	32/2	32/2
HUGHES SUP	26/3	26/2
HUMANA INC	28/3	28/3
IBM	,118/1	118/1
IC INDUST	33/3	33/3
ICI PHARMA	6/6	6/6
ILL PUR CO	18/2	18/2
INCO LTD	32/6	32/2

	MCDOONALD		
	MCGRAW-HILL	56/5	
	MEAD	37/7	
	MERCK - CO	56/2	
	MEREDITH	28/1	
	MERRILL LY	25/4	
7	MESA OFFSH	1/2	
2	MOBIL OIL	46/4	
1	MONSANTO	88/4	
2	MONSANTO PO	35/2	
1	MORGAN JP	38/4	
0	MORT THIO	40/7	
0	MOTOROLA	51/3	
0	MRSB-MCLEN	55/1	
0	MURPHY OIL	37/5	
0	NAT INTERG	14/7	
0	NBI CORP	0	
0	NCR CORP	65/7	
0	NEW ENG EL	23/6	
6	NEW PLA RE	14/1	
0	NEWELL CO	42/6	
0	NEWMONT MT	44/6	
0	NEWMONT GLD	46/0	
0	NI MOHAG-10	0	
1	NI MOHAG-72	0	
1	NICOLET INC	13/3	
0	NICOLET INC	29/5	
0	NI INDS	6/6	
0	NI MOBLE AF	11/6	
0	NORD RESOU	10/7	
0	NORTHPROP	29/4	
0	NORTON	59/4	
0	NOVO IND	30/4	
0	NUCOR CORP	42/6	
0	OAK INDS	1/1	
0	OCC PETRPC	26/5	
0	OCC DRILL	18/5	
0	ODEN CORP	28/5	
0	OM ED CO	18/5	
0	OMM MATT	0	
0	OLIH CORP	49/1	
0	ONE CASE	7/4	
0	ORION PICT	15/7	
0	PALME INC	16/5	
0	PAN AM	2/6	
0	PANHANDLE	24/4	
0	PARK ELECT	0	
0	PARKER DRI	4/0	
0	PARKER HAT	36/6	
0	PATCK PET	3/6	
0	PAYLESS CSH	24/1	
0	PULLMAN CO	5/3	
0	PC THOB-96	88/4	
0	PENN CENTR	25/0	
0	PENNSALT	70/4	
0	PENNY FULT	25/1	
0	PEOPLES EH	19/2	
0	PEPSICO	37/2	
0	PFIZER	53/1	
0	PHELPS DOD	0	
1	PHILIP NOR	83/3	
0	PHILLIPS PE	17/4	
0	PILLSBURY	36/1	
0	PINNACLE W	23/2	
0	PITN-BOMES	46/1	
0	PITTSBOR	14/6	
0	POLAROID	34/5	

3676	SARA LEE	39/1
37/77	SC ATLANTA	14/1
56/1	SCOTT PPR	41/1
28/1	SCOTT'S	14/1
25/5	SE BANK CO	23/1
1/2	SEAGRAN CO	56/5
46/4	SEALED IN	13/1
88/0	SEALED AIR	46/1
35/1	SEARS ROE	36/1
40/6	SERV CORP	19/1
50/14	SA STM PAC	18/1
55/3	SHRSMT HUTT	20/1
34/3	SHELL TRAC	77/1
18/0	SHR PLOW	53/3
4/4	SMITH INT	9/1
66/3	SMITH BEC	54/1
23/7	SHAP ON TL	43/1
14/1	SOURCE CAP	36/1
42/4	SOUTHERN	23/1
44/5	SPIERRY	12/1
59/6	SQUARE D	54/1
75/14	SQUIBB	64/1
29/2	STANLEY WJ	68/1
13/5	STEVENS JP	50/1
6/7	SUN CO	58/1
11/16	SUNSTRAND	56/1
10/7	SUNSH NTH	4/1
59/3	SUNWEST	21/1
30/3	SW GAS	20/1
43/30	SUN BELL	38/1
1/1	TANDY CORP	47/1
26/5	TECO	71/1
28/3	TECO ENERGY	11/1
28/2	TELETRONIK	34/1
18/5	TELEPHONE	49/1
7/4	TESORO PET	9/1
15/5	TEX AMER B	26/1
16/6	TEX GAS TR	15/1
26/4	TEXACO	50/1
2/7	TEXAS IND	43/1
17/16	TEXAS INST	48/1
4/1	TEXTRON	24/1
36/6	THOMPSON MED	6/1
54/3	TIDWATER	81/1
27/3	TIGER INT	14/1
25/5	TIMKEN	32/1
23/0	TORCHMARK	3/1
30/2	TOSCO	37/1
23/0	TOYS R US	27/1
75/6	TRANSAMER	6/1
19/3	TRANSCO EN	37/1
37/3	TRANSELLERS	35/1
83/1	TRINITY IW	18/1
44/2	TW CORP	34/1
17/6	TRANSWORL	89/2
23/1	UAL CORP	39/1
36/6	UTD BRAND	56/1
23/4	UTD TECH	36/1
14/16	UNILEVER	21/1
34/7	UNION CAMP	13/1
42/6	UNION CARB	7/1
17/1	US SHOE	71/1

44	39/2
45	42/0
46	13/6
47	56/4
48	46/2
49	36/0
50	18/3
51	20/0
52	71/3
53	53/1
54	43/1
55	36/5
56	23/3
57	12/7
58	56/4
59	68/0
60	58/7
61	56/4
62	4/2
63	17/1
64	21/2
65	70/6
66	38/7
67	72/2
68	47/3
69	23/0
70	34/6
71	16/3
72	49/2
73	9/6
74	1/6
75	26/5
76	50/4
77	43/6
78	48/7
79	19/1
80	6/2
81	81/3
82	32/4
83	23/0
84	38/2
85	27/3
86	6/5
87	39/7
88	57/0
89	36/7
90	12/0
91	39/3
92	11/5

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DATS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1485.6	1482.7	1458.6	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1050.3	1050.3	1035.6	957.6
FT ALL SHC	950.57	963.35	950.57	876.75
FT GOV SEC	90.03	90.03	89.80	88.49
FT GOLD MN	221.2	221.2	217.2	302.1
FT HINDS FOLLOW	532.44	532.14	531.53	450.65
FT INFLA	136.54	136.54	136.54	165.64
FT INDU LOC	131.92	132.11	126.87	115.04
FT IMLD STG	109.57	107.82	107.82	101.83
FT IMLD LOC	116.85	116.18	116.05	112.29
				90.79
				99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS AT DAY'S LOWS IN LATE TRADING
LONDON, JUNE 15, REUTERS - SHARE PRICES STOOD AT THE DAY'S
LOWS IN LATE TRADING, REFLECTING AN EASIER TREND ON WALL STREET,
AFTER GRADUALLY EASING FROM THEIR BEST LEVELS ACHIEVED IN
MID-MORNING.

AT 1500 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 4.8 POINTS UP AT 1,871.0 HAVING TOUCHED A HIGH OF 1,884.5 ON A TURNOVER OF 495 MLN SHARES.

DEALERS SAID TOYOTA'S MARKET PERFORMANCE WAS NOT SURPRISING GIVEN THE STRONG GAINS MADE YESTERDAY ON THE BACK OF A NARROWER THAN EXPECTED U.S. APRIL TRADE DEFICIT.

THE DOLLAR SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE FROM LEVELS ACHIEVED ON TUESDAY AFTER NEWS OF THE SMALLER THAN ANTICIPATED 9.89 BILLION DLR U.S. APRIL TRADE DEFICIT BUT ITS STEADY PERFORMANCE CONTINUED TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE MAJOR DOLLAR EARNERS, DEALERS SAID. BAT WAS UP HIGHER AT 440, GLAXO ADDED 11P AT 983 WHILE ICI SHED 4P TO 1,053.

MANY DEALERS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE MARKET WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE U.S. TRADE DATA, A SUBSTANTIAL MOVE ABOVE THE 1,900 LEVEL ON THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX NEEDED A LARGE COMMITMENT OF FUNDS BY INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS.

London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 15, REUTER - GOLD BULLION BENEFITTED FROM A CHAIN REACTION WITH SHARPLY HIGHER CHICAGO CORN/SOYBEANS INSPIRING FIRMER SILVER PRICES WHICH TRIGGERED BUYING IN GOLD.

THE METAL CLOSED AT 452.50/452.90 DLRS AN OUNCE, UP FROM AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 452.00, MORNING SETTING OF 450.30 AND PREVIOUS CLOSING RANGE OF 448.25/448.75.

DEALERS SAID GOLD ATTRACTED SOME SYMPATHETIC BUYING BUT WAS OUTPERFORMED BY SILVER AND AT THE CLOSE THE GOLD/SILVER RATIO HAD NARROWED SLIGHTLY TO 63.40 FROM 64.75 ON MONDAY. OVERHEAD RESISTANCE AROUND 453 HELD FIRM BUT GOOD UNDERLYING SUPPORT WAS EVIDENT WHENEVER THE PRICE THREATENED TO FALL.

London Money Market

London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 15, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE HOLDING STEADY TOWARD THE CLOSE AS STERLING REBOUNDED TODAY TO

THE POUND HAS NOW REGAINED MUCH OF WHAT IT LOST AGAINST THE MARK IN THE WAKE OF YESTERDAY'S SMALLER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT NEWS, BUT IS STILL LOOKING WEAKER AGAINST THE DOLLAR.

ONE DEALER SAID, "PERSONALLY I THINK THE BANK (OF ENGLAND) MAY WELL BELIEVE IT CAN PUSH RATES HIGHER AND NOT MAKE STERLING SUPER-STRONG. PEOPLE ARE MORE READY TO HOLD DOLLARS NOW AND I DON'T THINK THE POUND WILL ATTRACT THE KIND OF HOT MONEY IT USED TO. BUT ON TINGING, ALL I CAN SAY IS SOON RATHER THAN LATER."

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DNK	FFR	OPG
DLR -----	1.7835/40	1.7520/25	5.9040/90	NOON
STG -----	7.7860/70	3.1230/65	10.5300/5415	FIX
DNK -----	1.7449/7529	3.118/132	29.575/735	FIX
FFR -----	5.893/905	10.5210/5390	-----	FIX
SFR -----	1.4650/4660	336.93/7.57	83.66/77	1300
HFL -----	1.9650	112.29	24.82/85	FIX
ECU -----	1.8695	2.07811	33.305	FX
SOR -----	1.36174	2.34914	7.00597	CLSE
YEN -----	126.25/35	0.750146	7.93043	CLSE
SUR -----	126.25/60/226	-----	-----	NOON
SUR RATE	14/06/1988	OTHERS	15/06/1988	

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRIA	312.4	312.4	277.6	252.3
AUSTRIA	202.5	202.0	201.3	215.4
BELGIUM	374.8	375.0	374.6	260.2
CANADA	370.9	369.3	369.8	350.7
DENMARK	423.9	424.6	422.4	370.3
FRANCE	360.8	358.4	364.4	288.5
GERMANY	174.1	174.7	173.7	156.6
HONG KONG	1942.1	1923.7	1923.7	1644.3
FINLAND	122.2	120.7	120.4	108.1
ITALY	380.1	382.0	382.2	377.4
JAPAN	1291.5	1287.2	1283.4	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	233.6	249.3	249.9	238.4
NEW ZEAL	98.9	98.2	98.2	98.9
NORWAY	494.8	489.1	495.1	375.2
SPAIN	594.9	593.9	595.1	473.1
SPAIN	270.2	270.8	268.3	209.5
SWEDEN	924.3	921.9	926.8	697.3
SWITZ	155.4	155.1	153.9	140.7
U.K.	558.4	550.5	553.8	515.7
U.S.A.	251.8	249.3	249.1	229.4
WORLD	463.7	464.4	464.4	408.0
E.A.F.E.	877.8	884.1	884.4	757.5

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Wall Street Statistics *Composite*

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME			AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME		
MODERHOTT	18 3/4	- 1 1/8	DOME PETE	1 5/32	UNCH
TEXACO	50	- 3/8	WANG LAB B	10 1/2	UNCH
FLUOR CP	21 3/8	+ 3/8	CALEVISIUS	32 1/4	- 3/4
WARRNER	11 3/4	+ 1/8	NY TIMES A	27 7/8	UNCH
HEAVY-PACK	35 1/2	- 1 7/8	AMDAHL CP	54 5/8	- 1/2
ARCHER-DAN	20 3/8	- 1/4	I.C.H.H.	6 7/8	- 3/8
PHILIP MOR	83 3/4	+ 1/2	CHART MED	33 3/4	+ 1/8
FREPP EGY	13 3/4	- 1/8	RAC WRTG	11	+ 1/8
EXXON	46 3/8	- 3/8	ATARI C	8 1/8	UNCH
TANDEN COM	20 1/8	- 1/2	FIRST AUS	9 1/2	+ 1/8
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		
US HOME	2 3/4	+ 3/8	LORI CORP	6 3/4	+ 7/8
RAYMARK CP	5 3/4	+ 3/4	RISER VI	9 1/4	+ 1
CLABIR CO	2 1/4	+ 1/4	MAXPHARMA	2 3/4	+ 1/4
VALLY IND	2 3/8	- 1/4	MAGELLAN	2 1/4	- 1/4
UNIONFIED	12 7/8	- 7/8	DUCOMUN	3 1/4	- 1/4
NYSE VOLUME	65,413,300		AMEX VOLUME	4,265,600	
STOCKS UP	417		STOCKS UP	172	
STOCKS DOWN	641		STOCKS DOWN	221	
14-JUN NASDAQ VOLUME	174,856,600				
STOCKS UP 1170	DOWN 874				

Wall Street Market Roundup

New York, June 15, Reuter — Wall Street stocks were narrowly lower, with brokers describing the movement more as "sideways" than down. They said the market was digesting strong recent gains, including yesterday's rally. Some said the market's resiliency might lead to a gain later today.

The Dow was off five at 2119 while declining shares held only a small advantage over gainers.

Irving Bank climbed 3-3/8 to 69-5/8. The Bank of New York raised its bid for Irving to the equivalent of 76.53 dls per shr in cash, stock and warrants. Bank of New York fell 3/4 to 33.

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Nikkei share average hits all-time high

Improved US trade figures give world markets a boost

LONDON, June 15, (Reuters): The dollar rode high. Tokyo stocks hit a record and European bourses also advanced today after news that the US trade gap had narrowed appreciably in April gave money markets a badly needed morale boost. Gold prices rose.

Wall Street had set the pace with a 25-point gain yesterday, to its best since the 'Black Monday' October 19 crash, after the April figures showed a 6.4 per cent drop in US imports. The trade gap has been a persistent source of worry in the global economy.

High

Tokyo took the cue from Wall Street and the Nikkei share average hit an all-time high today.

Later, as Europe's trading day began, a dealer in stocks in Frankfurt summed up the mood. "It's not often that everything looks so good at the same time," he said, as West German shares surged by three per cent in hectic early trading.

"But today, US bonds have risen. New York stocks also rose strongly and, of course, the dollar is 2.5 pence higher."

A stronger dollar, steady just below 1.75 marks and around 126.25 yen in Europe today, bodes well for export earnings in many countries around the globe.

The stocks of exporting firms were among those to rise in London, for instance, where the FTSE index of 100 British blue chips touched a morning high of 1,845.5 points, up nearly 20 from yesterday's close.

The markets' advance, however, was checked by caution. Trading volume in Tokyo was a massive 2.6 billion shares compared with the Nikkei average closed just 31.72 points—0.1 per cent higher at 28,093.52, below the day's best.

Braked

The dollar's rise was also braked in Tokyo.

"Selling interest by exporters above 126.50 yen was fairly strong as most people still see a higher yen in the medium and long term," said Koji Kidokoro, director and general manager of Mitsu Bank's treasury division.

Meanwhile West Germany's Bundesbank (central bank), worried that the dollar's sharp rise against the Deutschmark might risk inflation, sold dollars today to check the gains.

In London, the FTSE index failed to stay above 1,880 points. Swiss investors were also cautious, with shares gaining only modestly in Zurich.

But shares were higher in Amsterdam, Milan and Paris, where the Bourse Indicator gained 0.54 per cent despite French political

uncertainties and a scandal over losses by France's regulatory SBF Bourse Association.

In Asia, Singapore stocks closed at a post-crash high with the Straits Times index up 21.15 at 1,066.45. Sydney's Australian All-Ordinaries index closed up 17.9 points or 1.1 per cent at 1,587.4. Hong Kong was also higher but off its best with the Hang Seng index up 26.88 points at 2,699.58.

Dealers say that, while the threat of recession now seems to have diminished, the markets' underlying worry concerns a risk of inflation.

But Japan's Jiji press quoted a top Japanese Finance Ministry official as saying that leading industrial nations, whose leaders hold a summit in Toronto next week, are unlikely to feel obliged to take any immediate action against inflation.

Gold

Oil prices, at least, seem unlikely to rise sharply.

North Sea crude, a barometer of the international market, traded slightly firmer today. But, at around \$16 a barrel for August delivery, prices showed no big jump following a new OPEC production agreement.

The organisation decided in Vienna yesterday simply to extend its existing output quotas. Some members had wanted tighter curbs to try to drive prices up.



Stock dealers tangle at a trading gunter in brisk activity at the Tokyo Stock Exchange as share prices rose well above earlier record levels.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Gold bullion closed in London, the major European trading centre, at a bid price of \$452.60 a troy ounce, up from yesterday's 448.00. The Zurich late bid price

was \$453.00, up from 448.00. Gold dealers said their market was sluggish but the price rose because of mostly speculative deals.

The Hong Kong gold market was closed for a holiday. Silver bullion traded late in London at \$7.14 bid a troy ounce, up from 6.91.

US retail sales rise

WASHINGTON, June 15, (Reuters): US retail sales rose a scant 0.1 per cent in May after a 0.4 per cent decline in April, the Commerce Department said today.

The rise, which compared with Wall Street forecasts of a 0.4 per cent increase, suggested consumer spending was slowing down after a sharp rise in the first quarter that had fanned fears of an overheating economy and higher interest rates, economists said.

Slowdown

The Commerce Department had originally estimated the drop in April retail sales as 0.6 per cent.

The apparent slowdown in domestic demand was likely to be welcome news to policy-makers at the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, which nudged interest rates up earlier this year in an attempt to restrict consumer spending.

Fed officials had feared that unless Americans curbed their spending, US factories would be unable to produce enough goods to satisfy domestic demand and booming export orders without igniting inflation.

There was also evidence of softening domestic demand in yesterday's trade figures, which showed a 6.4 per cent decline in imports in April.

Excluding the volatile category of cars, retail sales rose 0.5 per cent in May after a 0.3 per cent drop in April, the government said.

The 0.1 per cent increase in May, to a seasonally adjusted \$131.88 billion, left retail sales 5.6 per cent higher than they were in May 1987, the Commerce Department said.

Durable goods

The gains were all in the category of non-durable goods, such as food and petrol, which rose 0.5 per cent after falling 0.5 per cent in April.

Sales of durable goods, by contrast, fell 0.6 per cent in May after dropping 0.2 per cent in April. Within this category, car sales dropped 1.2 per cent after falling 0.8 per cent in April, the government said.

US steel quota plan exceeds goal

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, June 15, (AP): US steel trade quotas restricted April imports of finished steel products to 1.33 million tons, or 15.7 per cent of the market, well below the plan's 18.5 per cent goal, according to importers.

Imports during the first four months of 1988, not counting semi-finished steel bound for US mills, represented 17.5 per cent of the domestic market, importers said yesterday.

"US rolling mills have urgently needed semi-finished imports since early 1988," said Erwin Klein, president of the American Institute for Imported Steel.

OPEC Fund approves new loans to developing countries

VIENNA, June 15, (OPECNA): The governing board of the OPEC Fund for International Development today approved eight loans totalling \$29.82 million and one technical assistance grant worth \$210,000.

The loans approved under the eighth lending programme, which became operational early this year, are for developing countries in Africa, Asia and Central America.

Belize will receive \$1.20 million for the rehabilitation of an international airport, Ethiopia (\$6 million) for a coffee plantation rehabilitation and maintenance project, Ghana (\$4.80 million) for a works project, Mozambique (\$2.32 million) for a limestone quarry rehabilitation project and Pakistan (\$8 million) as a line of credit for small-scale industries.

Burkina Faso will receive \$5 million for the import of capital goods and Burkina Faso (\$2 million) as a supplement to a loan for sugar project and one million for a road project.

A technical assistance grant (\$210,000) approved by the board will help support the Al Injil Al Arabi hospital in Nablus in Israeli occupied Palestine. The

money will help in setting up an X-ray unit in a new wing of the hospital.

In a report to the 43rd session of the board, OPEC Fund Director-General Dr Seyyid Abdulai noted that about 77 per cent or \$1.64 billion of the Fund's total approved loan commitments stood disbursed as of May 31, 1988.

Out of 451 loans totalling \$2.14 billion approved by the Fund, 443 loan agreements worth 2.11 billion have already been signed.

Abdulai, who this week was re-appointed as head of the Fund for the next five years, said five loans worth \$17 million had been signed since the board last met in March.

He added that \$665,000 had been allocated in grants since March, bringing total grant commitments to \$110.80 million.

A total of 248 grants had been extended to finance various activities such as technical assistance projects, vocational training, research and similar activities.

The next board meeting will be held here in August.

Meanwhile, yesterday the ministerial council of the OPEC

Fund re-elected Venezuelan Finance Minister Dr Hector Hurtado as its chairman.

Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid El Maknun, minister of finance and national economy of the UAE, was elected alternate chairman.

In his acceptance speech, he called on member countries to continue to contribute to the Fund so that it could carry on its programmes of assistance to the most needy countries.

Recalling that 99 developing countries from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean had benefited from Fund assistance in the last decade, Hurtado was confident that the lending programme for 1988-89 would meet its objectives.

He referred to the economic difficulties faced by OPEC donor countries in recent years, but said that the Fund's attitude to South-South relations.

Speaking at the meeting, Osama Faquih, chairman of the governing board, stated that throughout 1987 and for much of the first half of 1988, developing countries had continued to face many economic hardships.

He said the problems resulted from weak commodity prices, increased protectionism in the industrialised countries, a heavy debt burden and declining concessional flows from developed countries.

In recent years, he said, developing countries had witnessed the introduction of a variety of barriers in the markets of the major industrialised nations against their exports.

He pointed out that the great concern now was to try to bring an end to the continuous decline in the economic performance of African countries.

Faquih, who is also Saudi Arabian deputy minister at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, noted that the prospects for early relief were not very encouraging.

Asia, he said, had seen poverty levels rise despite strategies of growth-oriented development pursued by many countries of the region, while the Asian low income countries as a group had performed well.

Latin America and the Caribbean, Faquih said, had continued to suffer the same economic difficulties as in the past.

US current account deficit widens

WASHINGTON, June 15, (UPI): A shift in patterns of foreign investment offset merchandise trade gains to widen the US goods and services deficit to \$39.8 billion in the first quarter of 1988, the Commerce Department said today.

The department said the first quarter 1988 current account deficit, which measures the gap between what foreigners earn on US investments and what American investors earn abroad, broadened 18.8 per cent to \$39.8 billion from a revised fourth quarter 1987 deficit of \$33.5 billion.

Down

The department previously reported the deficit for the fourth quarter of 1987 was \$39 billion, down from \$43.4 billion in the third quarter of 1987.

The merchandise trade deficit, a balance of payments item, shrank to \$35.9 billion from \$41.2 billion because of a strong increase in exports that offset more slowly increasing imports, the department's Bureau of Economic Analysis said.

The Commerce Department yesterday reported the monthly US merchandise trade gap continued to narrow in April to a seasonally adjusted \$9.9 billion from \$11.7 billion in March.

But those gains, while representing the lion's share of the total US trade deficit, were more than offset by a \$12.7 billion shift in the balance of payments for services, to a \$700 million deficit from an unusually high fourth quarter surplus of \$12 billion, the bureau said.

Shifts

The change was primarily caused by shifts in direct purchases and sales of stocks, bonds, bank deposits and government securities, the report said.

American banks held \$17.4 billion less in foreign funds in the first three months of 1988 and US companies and individuals bought \$4.4 billion more in foreign securities, the bureau said.

At the same time, outflow of US capital for foreign investments decreased to \$4.8 billion from a record \$19.7 billion in the fourth quarter of 1987, while

foreigners bought \$7 billion in US Treasury securities, up from only \$500 million in the fourth quarter of 1987.

The surge in foreign purchases of government notes and bonds reflected rising bond prices and the relative stability of the dollar in exchange markets early this year, the bureau said.

Investing

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said last night America's current account deficit, the broadest measure of the US trade gap, remains high because Americans have not been saving their money and investing it at home.

"The main success we have had to date in reducing our current account deficit has resulted from the major expansion in the volume of our exports," Greenspan said.

The decline in the value of the dollar since 1985 has made goods cheaper abroad and imports more expensive. But because US industrial production is straining against factory capacity, Greenspan said, the doubts further declines in the

dollar's value would help the trade deficit.

Greenspan said higher interest rates traditionally encourage Americans to spend less and save, and invest more, but higher interest rates could reduce the current account deficit "largely at the expense of domestic investment in plant, equipment and housing."

"Therefore, it would seem desirable to seek progress on the other component of the investment-saving imbalance, that is by raising the domestic saving rate," he said. "Policy can be directed at raising domestic saving directly by lowering public dissaving, that is by reducing the budget deficit."

Greenspan said reducing the budget deficit, now estimated at an annual \$146.7 billion for the fiscal year ending in September, would help reduce the current account deficit without reducing private investment.

"Reducing our federal budget deficit would be the most important step we can take to further the adjustment process," he said.

Soviet Union to re-enter coin market

MOSCOW, June 15, (UPI): The Soviet Union will re-enter the world precious metal coin market for the first time in eight years in October with an issue of a gold, platinum, silver and palladium coins marking the 1000th anniversary of Christianity in Russia, a Bank of Foreign Trade spokesman said today.

The issue of the commemorative coins is the beginning of a new and energetic Soviet numismatic programme that will continue until the end of the century.

The last time the Soviet Union put precious metal coins on the world market was to mark the 1980 summer Olympic Games in Moscow.

Viktor Gerashechenko, vice-president of the foreign trade bank said his bank will market the coins worldwide.

Nazer forecasts of demand for OPEC oil

RIYADH, June 15, (Reuters): Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer today forecast relatively slight growth this year in demand for OPEC oil.

"The figures indicate demand for OPEC's oil will reach 18.3 million barrels per day (BPD) during the third quarter of this year and 18.7 million during the fourth quarter," he was quoted as saying on his return from a meeting in Vienna of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Abide

"If all members abide by the (OPEC) ceiling and quotas... it's sure that the market will respond to this," the official Saudi Press Agency quoted Nazer as saying.

His forecasts were well below those of OPEC President Riwanu Lukman, who predicted demand would be 18.7 million BPD in the third quarter and 19.3 million in the fourth.

Crude oil prices slipped five to 10 cents per barrel on world spot

markets today as OPEC's decision to extend its current production ceiling into the rest of 1988 had little further impact, traders said.

Having firmed as much as 40 cents yesterday in anticipation of the OPEC move, prices fell back marginally on doubts about the group's ability to stick to individual quotas and on adequate crude supplies in most areas.

The agreement will limit output for 12 of 13 OPEC countries excluding Iraq, to 15.06 million barrels per day through to the end of 1988.

Prices had dropped almost one dollar per barrel just before the OPEC meeting began in Vienna last Saturday, before rallying 40 cents on expectations of the OPEC roll over, and also in technical reaction to the previous steep falls.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude oil, initially traded up to

\$16.15 per barrel for cargoes lifting in August, compared with a traded high yesterday of 16.02, but had slipped to around 15.93 late afternoon after the New York Mercantile Exchange futures moved lower.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent for prompt lifting had fallen five cents a barrel to \$15.80.

The key Midwest grade Dubai stood five cents lower at \$14.10, while leading US grade, West Texas Intermediate, was down 10 cents at \$16.70 a barrel.

Latest spot oil prices — FOB, dollars per barrel:

	June 15	June 14
Brent (Prompt)	15.80	15.85
WTI (Cushing)	16.70	16.80
Dubai (July)	14.10	14.15

In Tokyo, crude oil prices will not reach OPEC's \$18 a barrel target this year unless the oil organisation stops breaching its own output ceiling, Far East oil experts said today.

Nations seen using GATT to reduce trade tensions

GENEVA, June 15, (Reuters): The world's major economic powers often have tense trading relations but are increasingly solving disputes amicably on everything from beef to microchips, according to the world trade body GATT.

A semi-annual trade review to be presented today to the ruling council of the 96-nation GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) noted with concern a "high level of tensions" in many bilateral trading ties.

Evidence

"There is, however, evidence in the period under review that governments are making more use of the GATT dispute-settlement mechanisms to deal with problems in bilateral relations," said the report, made available to Reuters.

When one country feels another is breaking the rules of GATT, which seeks to reduce trade barriers, it can ask for a ruling from the trade body's 'dispute panels'.

Trade problems have risen to the political foreground in many

countries, notably the United States where its high trade deficit has pushed the administration to do everything it can on trade either through bilateral pressure or the GATT.

"They clearly believe they can use more effective pressure through GATT," one official said.

For example, the United States used a GATT dispute panel to get Japan to agree last February to lift import quotas on 10 farm products, and is now pressing for the removal of quotas on beef and citrus imports.

Aimed back

During the council meeting, due to finish tomorrow, the United States will also ask for a dispute panel on European Economic Community (EEC) subsidies to the producers and processors of oilseeds, arguing that these unfairly hurt its soybean farmers.

But the dispute process can be laboriously slow and can also be aimed back at the original complainant.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 15/6/88				
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel No.	
2	Kailash	GH&Q	4747815	
3	Rashidah	GH&Q	4747815	
5	Rybink	Alrashed	2422026	
8	Tug Amsterdam	G. Star	4845501	
9	Barge Jubail			
14	Suhl	Steamco	2439973	
15	Mikhail Stenko	Alrashed	2422026	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT				
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel No.	
15/6	Dhaura Giri	Transcont	2436920	
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT				
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel No.	
2	Al Majeed	M.A. Bahar	2433881	
3	Uco-XVII	S.Saheem	2432692	
8	Sunset	G. Star	4845501	
12	Ionian Empress	Gh. Barber	4842988	
13	Vevey	RSMS	2432642	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT				
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel No.	
15/6	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814	
16/6	Vito	RSMS	2423642	
18/6	Adiriyah	UASC	4843150	
18/6	Lelaps	RSMS	2423642	
19/6	Willine Orient	Gh. Barber	4842988	
19/6	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437	
20/6	Mikhail Stenko	RSMS	2432642	
21/6	New Oasis	A. S. Marafie	2465645	

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 15, (Reuters): Share prices closed mostly higher across the board as the share market snapped out of a five-day losing streak. The All Ordinaries rose 17.9 to 1,587.4.

TOKYO — Share prices reached a record high close but were off the day's early peaks in heavy trade after Wall Street's strong showing overnight on the smaller-than-expected US April trade deficit. The Nikkei index rose 31.72 to 28,093.52.

HONG KONG — Share prices ended sharply higher in active trading despite profit-taking eroding gains. The Hang Seng index ended 26.88 up at 2,699.58 after an earlier high of 2,720.

SINGAPORE — Bullish sentiment, spurred by encouraging US April trade figures, lifted most share prices to post-crash high at close of trading. The Straits Times index rose 21.15 to 1,066.45.

BOMBAY — Share prices closed mixed in poor trading, with operators preferring to keep commitments low because they feared high carry-forward charges, to be fixed later this week.

PARIS — Prices ended slightly off yesterday's closing levels on profit-taking in moderate volume.

Sudan plans sweeping economic reforms

KHARTOUM, June 15, (Reuters): Sudan, burdened by a huge foreign debt, famine and civil war, announced sweeping plans today to liberalise its economy and give private enterprise a greater role.

Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem also disclosed plans for a new round of price rises. Previous increases last October triggered rioting in which six people died.

Wait

The announcement coincides with a visit by a team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which has been pressing for radical but politically sensitive reforms before it approves new loans to the impoverished nation.

Nour Al Dayem told parliament there would be price rises for more than 20 non-essential items, including tobacco, cosmetics and some construction materials.

But he said customs duty on rice, coffee and lentil imports would be scrapped and the duty on tea cut by half.

The minister, announcing the budget for the 1988/89 fiscal year starting July 1, said the government would give up ownership of several agricultural projects and some industries, including the shoe industry.

It would also consider privatising four state-owned commercial banks.

Nour Al Dayem said the Nile and White Nile Corporations, both in charge of giant agricultural schemes, would be dissolved and sold to the private sector or to co-operatives.

There are some activities owned at present by the government but we believe that the private sector will run them more efficiently. These include: the hotel industry," he said.

Nour Al Dayem, who became finance minister when a new coalition government took office on May 15, said the government had also decided to lift subsidies from top-quality flour.

Sudan, with an estimated 23 million people, has a foreign debt of more than \$12 billion. Its Army has been bogged down since 1983 in a bush war against rebels in the south.

Free

The war and its disruption of agriculture have forced at least half the estimated six million people in the south to flee to other parts of Sudan or to Ethiopia in search of food and security.

A drought, the second in four years, has hit much of the country.

The IMF, to which Sudan owes more than \$700 million in arrears, has been pressing for politically sensitive economic reforms to follow up an agreement last year.

Sudan devalued its currency by 44 per cent and increased sugar and petrol prices in October under that pact.

Western economists in Khartoum say the IMF wants Sudan to devalue further, reduce domestic borrowing to finance budget deficits, boost revenues and streamline or privatise loss-making state enterprises.

Declared

In turn, the IMF, which in February 1986 declared Sudan ineligible for fresh loans, would give the go-ahead to donor countries to help finance a four-year economic recovery plan starting in the 1988/89 fiscal year.

Major Western donors have already pledged \$227.6 million in balance-of-payments support after a December meeting in Paris of a consultative group hosted by the World Bank.

Nour Al Dayem told parliament Sudan was \$3.3 billion in arrears on foreign debt repayments at the end of 1987. The principal and interest liability for the fiscal year 1988/89 totalled \$980 million.

Syrian pound stages a sudden comeback

DAMASCUS, June 15, (AP): The once-tumbling Syrian pound has staged a sudden comeback that has propelled it to nearly double last month's value in US dollars on the free market.

The stunning turnaround in a traditionally weak currency has baffled foreign observers and fed Damascus' raging rumour mill with reports of foreign interventions in the currency market.

Nadir

Economy Minister Mohammed Imadi declined to comment on the extent of the dramatic move but yesterday he attributed the upward trend to "a series of financial, economic and monetary policies by the government" which have discouraged imports, encouraged exports and stifled spending.

At the currency's nadir last month, it took 57 pounds to equal one US dollar on the free market in Jordan, Lebanon and

the Gulf.

The pound surged to trade at 27 to the dollar last week before softening to a rate of 34 to 1 yesterday.

The government's official exchange rate was hiked to 11.2 per dollar from about 3.9 last year. The government also exchanges dollars for tourists at a fluctuating rate which moved from 27 to 20 to the dollar over the past weeks.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Imadi said

IN FOCUS

The world today

COMMUNITY leader Anwar Nagla stands on the site of District Six an area of Cape Town virtually deserted since the government declared it a white area, evicted mixed race 'coloured' residents and bulldozed their houses in the 1960's. (Reuter wirephoto)



A RIOT policeman hurriedly doffs his helmet which caught fire from a petrol bomb thrown by students during an anti-government protest near a Seoul university. Nearly 1,000 students of Seoul's Chungang University clashed with teargas firing police yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A COUPLE of sparrows take advantage of a fountain to cool off and clean up in Madrid's Botanical Gardens as temperatures climbed in Madrid. (Reuter wirephoto)



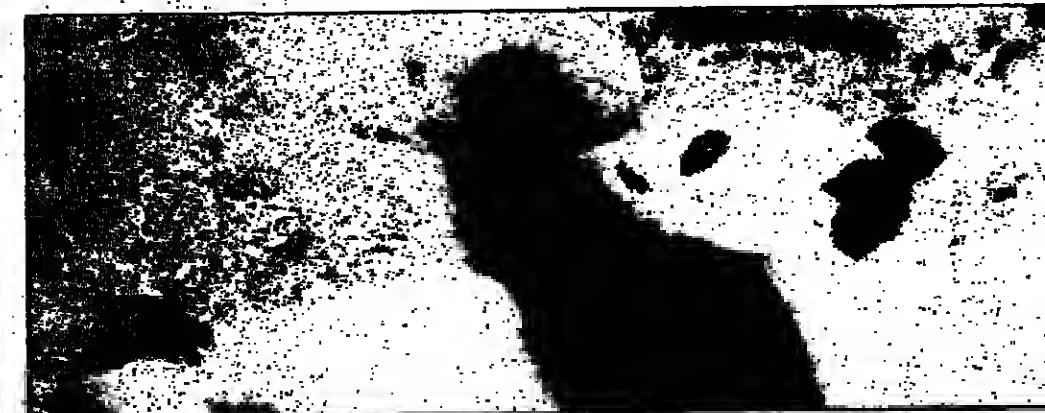
AUSTRALIAN Paul Hudson (centre, white short pant) and Thai Supoj Kittidejdamkerng (left) were led away from Bangkok's Criminal Court yesterday after their sentences. Hudson was given a life sentence and his wife Noia Blake (background, left to Hudson) and Supoj both received death sentences for heroin trafficking. (Reuter wirephoto)



SAUDI ARABIAN Crown Prince Abdullah rides in an open carriage with Queen Elizabeth on the course at Royal Ascot, west of London on Tuesday, on the first day of the race meeting. The Crown Prince is on a four-day visit to Britain. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE first day of the annual Royal Ascot race meeting, west of London, brought out large crowds in the hot sunny weather and a wide variety of decorative head wear on Tuesday. This compoeta of four pictures shows some of the ladies hat fashions at the course. (Reuter wirephoto)



GIANT panda Fei Fei amuses herself with a football during her stay at the zoo in Melbourne. Two giant pandas are on loan from China for Australia's bicentennial celebrations. (Reuter wirephoto)



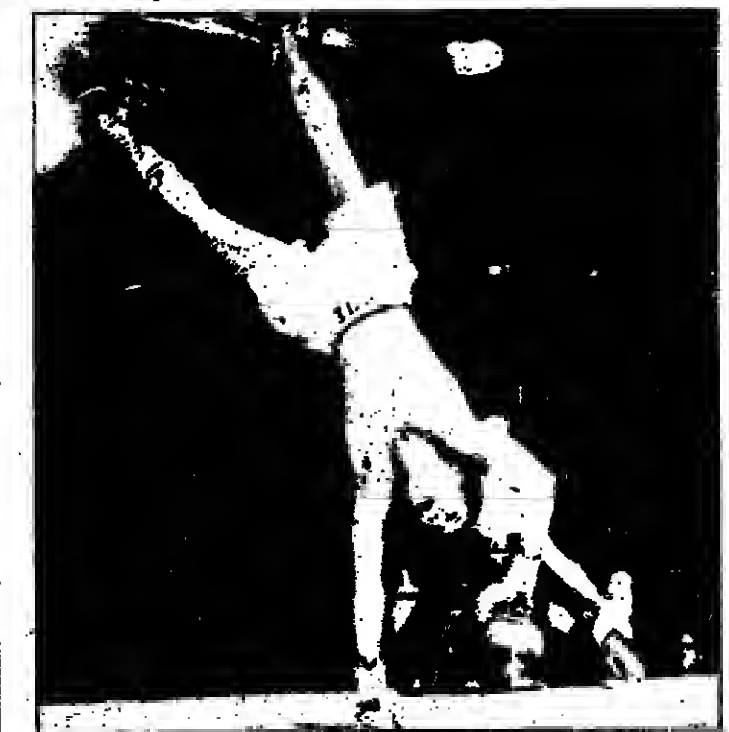
MISS MOSCOW, Maria Kalline who won the first beauty contest to be held in Moscow, stands in the Red Square in front of St Basil Church. (Reuter wirephoto)



A DRUNKEN British soccer fan lies among the flowers in front of the Duesseldorf railway station yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



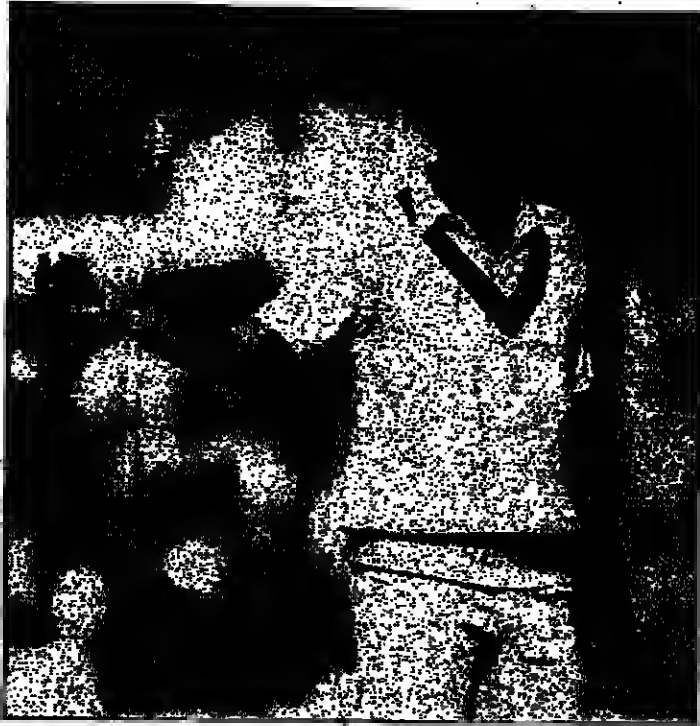
A WEST GERMAN policeman pulling a knife from a cigarette pack carried by this soccer fan prior to the England-Holland European Championship match yesterday. Duesseldorf has been hit with several nights of violence by British hooligans. (Reuter wirephoto)



AMERICAN walterweight Kenny Vice doing a victory cartwheel after knocking out South African Brian Baronet in the 10th round on Tuesday night. Baronet who is seen in the background lies unconscious. He is now fighting for his life in a Durban hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)

W. INDIES HOPE TO HAVE MARSHALL FOR LORD'S MATCH

England try to concentrate on Test



Emburey: England's captain

LONDON, June 15. (Reuters). While England's cricketers try to forget the Mike Gatting rumpus and concentrate on the second Test starting tomorrow, Viv Richards leads West Indies into battle at Lord's in a mood of growing optimism.

England's successful rear-guard action on the last day of the first Test at Trent Bridge not only forced a draw but restored confidence and morale, which was promptly damaged by Gatting's dismissal as captain two days later.

Acted

Gatting was sacked after the Test and County Cricket Board (CCCB) decided he had acted irresponsibly in inviting a woman back to his hotel room during the first Test, and England's selectors appointed vice-captain John Emburey to lead the team in the second match of the five-Test series.

Emburey, who was Gatting's deputy for last two years, would not have wanted to fulfill his captaincy ambitions in such unfortunate circumstances, but having

done so, his leadership qualities immediately face a searching examination.

The Middlesex off-spinner, who will be on his home ground when he captains his country for the first time, seeks to bring his tactical awareness to bear as well as getting the best out of a side likely to show two changes.

Gatting, who asked not to be considered for the match, has been replaced by Yorkshire's Martyn Moxon. He is almost certain to play, together with fast-medium bowler Gladstone Small, who is recalled to a squad of 12 after a thigh injury.

Barbados-born Small recently proved his fitness with a career-best seven for 15 in a county championship game, and is expected to play at the expense of either left-arm paceman Paul Jarvis or Phillip DeFreitas.

West Indies' worries, which centred on a rib injury to Malcolm Marshall, were considerably eased by the news on Monday that he was confidently expected to be fit for Lord's.

The touring team's main strike

bowler originally suffered the injury while batting against Wasim Akram during the recent series against Pakistan in the Caribbean, and aggravated it at Trent Bridge.

He was able to bowl only five overs on the final day, but subsequently rested and made such a good recovery that he was scheduled to join his team's Lord's preparations a day earlier than anticipated.

Increased

With fast bowler Courtney Walsh finally striking form with his best tour figures of five for 49 against Northamptonshire on Sunday, West Indies have increased hopes of vindicating their captain's faith in them as the better team over a five-day contest.

Richards himself has reserved some of his most outstanding innings for Lord's, a ground that he acknowledges is an inspiration, and his compelling 80 in the opening Test suggested he may be in the mood to grace the season's showpiece with a majestic century.



Dilley (left) and Foster: five wickets each

Dilley routs Hampshire for season-best figures

LONDON, June 15. (Reuters). Paceman Graham Dilley warmed up for the second cricket Test against West Indies this week when he returned his season-best five for 65 in Worcestershire's 10-wicket defeat of Hampshire in the English County Championship yesterday.

Dilley took four for 45 in 17.1 overs as Hampshire tumbled to 210 all out on the final day of the three-day match. Worcestershire scored the 17 runs needed for victory without losing a wicket.

Followed

Former England opener Chris Smith saved Hampshire from an innings defeat with a fine 87, including 15 fours.

Worcestershire retained their position at the top of the championship table, followed by Kent who defeated Middlesex by six wickets.

Neil Foster, England's best fast bowler last year, showed he had made a full return from injury when he took five for 61 for Essex against Sussex in his first championship game of the season.

The visitors, resuming at 77 for five, were bowled out for 134 to give Essex a crushing innings and 173-run victory.

Australian Steve Waugh continued his fine form with 79 for Somerset in their draw with Warwickshire.

Results

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Hampshire by 10 wickets. Worcestershire 397 for seven declared in 121.3 overs and 17 for no wicket. Hampshire 203 in 67 overs and 210 (C. Smith 87, G. Dilley five for 65). Worcestershire 24 points, Hampshire three.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat

Glamorgan by 142 runs. Nottinghamshire 178 in 84.2 overs and 230. Glamorgan 91 in 47 overs and 175 (A. Butcher 65, D. Mills three for 37). Nottinghamshire 21 points, Glamorgan four.

At Ilford: Essex beat Sussex by 200 runs and 173 runs. Sussex 155 in 59.1 overs and 134 (N. Foster five for 61). Essex 462 for eight declared in 136.5 overs. Essex 24 points, Sussex three.

At Tunbridge Wells: Kent beat Middlesex by six wickets. Middlesex 93 in 38.2 overs and 272. Kent 110 in 37 overs and 255 for four (M. Benson 110, R. Pinner 58 not out, N. Taylor 32, N. Cowans three for 46).

At Derby: Gloucestershire beat Derbyshire by four wickets. Derbyshire 329 in 82.1 overs and 182 (S. Goldsmith 63, K. Curran 59 for 59, T. Alderman three for 45). Gloucestershire 308 for five declared in 97 overs and 204 for six (W. Athey 47, K. Curran 40 not out). Derbyshire six points, Gloucestershire 24.

At the Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire — match drawn. Surrey 179 in 74.3 overs and 291 for eight declared (K. Medley 71, D. Smith 59). Leicestershire 255 for seven declared in 97.4 overs and 38 for two. Surrey four points, Leicestershire seven.

At Bath: Somerset v Warwickshire — match drawn. Warwickshire 315 for nine declared in 111 overs and 209 (A. Duff 44, V. Marks four for 75, N. Coad three for 24). Somerset 284 for three declared in 104 overs and 215 for nine (S. Waugh 79, J. Wyatt 59, G. Small four for 32). Somerset four points, Warwickshire four.

English county championship cricket table after matches ending yesterday (tablets — played, won, lost, drawn, batting, bowling, points).

	P	W	L	D	B	B	P
Worcestershire	8	5	1	20	27	127	99
Kent	7	4	3	0	14	21	92
Middlesex	7	4	3	1	13	21	88
Northampton	7	3	3	1	14	23	85
Essex	6	3	2	1	18	17	83
Warwickshire	6	3	2	1	14	19	81
Surrey	5	3	1	2	12	23	81
Nottingham	5	2	3	1	12	34	78
Somerset	5	2	3	1	19	26	77
Leicestershire	7	2	4	1	16	23	71
Surrey	7	2	3	3	13	25	70
Derbyshire	7	2	4	1	17	15	64
Gloucestershire	6	2	2	2	11	17	60
Hampshire	7	1	3	3	8	22	46
Glamorgan	7	0	3	4	11	18	27
Yorkshire	6	0	3	3	7	18	25

England without Orwin for game against Fiji

SUVA, Fiji, June 15. (Reuters). Scrumhalf Richard Harding, re-established in the England Rugby Union team after Nigel Melville broke a leg in March, was promoted to the captaincy today for tomorrow's Test against Fiji.

Harding's appointment came after the withdrawal of lock-forward John Orwin, who strained a calf muscle in the second Test against Australia in Sydney on Sunday, team manager Geoff Cooke told Reuters.

"Naturally we are disappointed with Orwin not being able to

lead the team for the match against Fiji, but it's one of those things," he said.

Orwin's place goes to Nigel Redman with Harding taking over the captaincy, a promotion that seemed unlikely at the start of the year when the England side was not even in the England side.

But when Melville broke his leg against Ireland in the Five Nations Championship on March 19, Harding came into the side and now has the responsibility for trying to give England's disappointing tour a winning flourish.

US Open has foreign flavour

BROOKLINE, Mass. June 15. (Reuters). The 88th US Open starting here tomorrow will provide a powerful foreign contingent with another opportunity to undermine American golfing confidence.

Just about all the world's best players — including top money-winner Sandy Lyle of Britain — will be seeking to add to the damage done to the game's morale in the United States in recent years.

Europe's 1985 and 1987 Ryder Cup victories were the most notable blows but already this year Lyle has won the first of the majors with his victory in the US Masters in April.

Foreign raiders have won the Open only five times since it was first staged in 1895 but this time the host nation is bracing itself for an overseas challenge as strong as any in the past.

In addition to Lyle, the invasion includes Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Australia's Greg Norman, West German Bernhard Langer and David Frost of South Africa.

The Americans are led by titleholder Scott Simpson, Tom Watson, who was second last year, and Mark Calcavecchia, who was second to Lyle in the Masters.

Delighted

If the hot and sunny weather of the early part of the week continues, it could be quite a shoot-out on the Country Club's 7,010-yard, par 71 course.

All the players were delighted with the condition of the golf course, where in 1913 a 20-year-old former caddy at the club, Francis Ouimet, won the Open by upsetting famed British professionals Harry Vardon and Ted Ray.

"My game feels very comfortable on this golf course," Lyle, the leading money winner of the American Tour this year with \$600,000, said yesterday after his second practice round.

While not completely pleased with his game, Lyle, who missed the cut at last week's Westchester Classic, said he felt confident going into the championship.

"I've got a bit of work to do on my swing, but it's still good enough to shoot some low scores," Lyle told Reuters in an interview.

Lyle, the 1985 British Open champion, will be chasing the second leg of the Grand Slam — a sweep of the four major championships — but said he had put this to the back of his mind. "If it happens, it happens."

Ballesteros, who finished third in last year's Open in San Francisco, expressed satisfaction with the course after his first practice round on Tuesday. "I like it very much," he said. "The rough is not as tough as it usually is. It's more like it should be."

Ballesteros also said his game was not "at the very top," but his playoff victory in the Westchester Classic last Sunday gave him confidence.

Top athletes opt out of US meeting

TAMPA, Fla., June 15. (Reuters). Many of the United States' world champion athletes will be conspicuous by their absence when the National Championships Open in Tampa tomorrow.

Edwin Moses, Carl Lewis, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and former world champion Mary Decker Slaney are passing over the three-day meeting to prepare for next month's US Olympic trials and other competitions this month.

But the fixture will not be void of world-class talent. Roger Kingdom, the 1984 Olympic 110 metres hurdles gold medalist who is on the rebound from two years of injuries, will compete against an impressive burlesque field.

Lorenzo Daniel, the fastest 200 metres runner in the world this year, heads the list of declared entries in the sprints.

Talent is also expected to be on show in the triple jump, pole vault and women's high jump. US record holders in several other events also are entered.

The top men's finishers in the running events will qualify for the US v England men's match in Birmingham, England, on June 24.

Exception

Traditionally, though, US athletes put competition in Europe and training ahead of the national meeting during an Olympic year and this season is no exception.

"Carl (Lewis) doesn't need three rounds of the 100 before he jumps on an airplane and heads to Europe," Mike Takahashi, the sprint coach at the University of Houston, where Lewis trains, told Reuters.

Lewis opens his European season with the long jump at Lausanne on June 24. He also will run 100 metres races in Paris on June 27.

The national meeting will nonetheless be one of the best competitions in the United States this season.

Kingdom, the fastest American in the high hurdles, should receive a stiff challenge from 1987 Grand Prix winner Tonic Campbell and Olympic hopeful Arthur Blake; and Daniel will face long jumper Larry Myricks in the 200 metres.

Phillies and Expos share double-header

Rijo takes Reds past Astros

NEW YORK, June 15. (AP). Having a Hall of Famer in the family has made the road for Jose Rijo a lot smoother.

After finishing 2-7 with a 5.90 earned run average for the Oakland Athletics last season, Rijo was traded to the Cincinnati Reds and spent the winter working with his father-in-law, Juan Mariel, a six-time 20-game winner with the San Francisco Giants.

Last night, Rijo allowed two hits in eight innings as the Reds defeated the Houston Astros 7-1 to snap a three-game losing streak.

"I owe that start to a lot of people, especially Juan Mariel," said Rijo, moved into the starting rotation last week when Dennis Rasmussen was traded to San Diego. "He told me about concentration, that's about the only thing I needed."

Elsewhere, it was Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 3; Montreal 9, Philadelphia 0 in the first game of a double-header.

South African critically ill after knockout

DURBAN, South Africa, June 15. (Reuters). South African welterweight boxer Brian Baronet was fighting for his life after being knocked out in the 10th and final round of a bout against American Kenny Vice last night.

Baronet lay unconscious in the ring for 10 minutes after being felled by a tremendous right from Vice. He was taken to a hospital in this South African port city and underwent brain surgery.

Survive

A neurosurgeon who operated on the 27-year-old boxer following the non-title fight said Baronet's life was in the balance.

"He may not survive and at this stage, his prognosis is not good. The general indicators are unfavourable," said the neurosurgeon, who declined to be named.

Vice said: "I did not know that I had hurt Brian that bad. He was a bell of a fighter throughout the fight and gave me a lot of anxious moments. I hope he is all right."

4. Montreal 2 in the second game; New York 5, St. Louis 0; Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 4, and San Diego 8, San Francisco 5.

Rijo allowed just a walk to Rafael Ramirez and Alex Trevino's clean single to right in the third inning and Kevin Bass' single in the seventh off Nick Esasky's glove at first.

The right-hander is 4-1 against the Astros this season.

Pirates 6, Cubs 3

Darnell Coles hit two solo home runs and Randy Milligan hit a two-run homer to lead Pittsburgh over Chicago. Bobby Bonilla also homered for the Pirates, his 15th of the year, matching his career high.

Expos 9, Phillies 0

Dennis Martinez pitched a three-hitter and singled in two runs and Tim Lincecum hit a two-run homer to lead a 16-hit attack as Montreal took the first game of a two-night double-header.

In the nightcap, Juan Samuel homered and tripled, and Ron

Carman scattered five hits in seven innings to lead Philadelphia.

Padres 8, Giants 5

Marvell Wynne's three-run homer capped a seven-run sixth inning as San Diego won its sixth straight game. The Giants, who lost their fourth consecutive game, held a 5-0 lead before the Padres took advantage of two errors to score six unearned runs in their highest innings of the year.

Results

American League

Boston	7	New York	3
Detroit	9	Baltimore	2
Toronto	3	Cleveland	2
Minnesota	3	Chicago	2
Milwaukee	5	Seattle	1
California	3	Texas	0
Kansas City	2	Oakland	1

National League

Pittsburgh	6	Philadelphia	3
(1) Montreal	9	Montreal	2
(2) Philadelphia	4	Montreal	2
Cincinnati	7	Houston	1
New York	5	St. Louis	0
Los Angeles	4	Atlanta	0
San Diego	8	San Francisco	5

Kasparov wins opener

BELFORT, France, June 15. (AP). World champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union won his opening match yesterday on the first day of the World Cup chess challenge in this eastern French city, defeating fellow Soviet Artur Yusupov.

The three-week Belfort encounter, involving 16 chess grand masters, is the second of six tournaments of the new World Cup which has a total prize money of \$1.2 million.

In addition to Kasparov, two former world champions are competing here. Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, the man Kasparov dethroned, and Boris Spassky, a naturalised Frenchman.

Kheitan overcome United

KHEITAN XI defeated United Cricket Club by three wickets in an Amer Summer League match at the Yarmouk ground earlier this week.

Batting first, United managed to score 105 runs. Shaikat hit 20, Tariq and Mubarak 14 each and Stanley 12.

For Kheitan, Sadaqat bowled

well, taking four wickets for eight runs. He was well supported by Ansar who took two wickets.

In reply Kheitan got the required runs for the loss of only seven wickets. Ishfaq hit 28, Ifkhar 23 and Raza 16. United's Rashid took three wickets.

Kheitan now meet OKCC on July 1 in the second round.

Pistons rout Lakers to level series

PONTIAC, Michigan, June 15. (AP). Adrian Dantley scored 27 points and Detroit outscored the Los Angeles Lakers 25-8 during a second-half spurt that gave the Pistons a 111-86 victory in game 4 and evened the National Basketball Association championship series.

The Pistons took advantage of their superior depth on a hot night, increasing the tempo and drawing fouls, something they could not do in losing game 3 on Sunday.

Detroit had 46 foul shots yesterday, compared to 12 in Sunday's defeat. Dantley alone was 13-for-15 from the line.

The Pistons, 8-3 at home in the playoffs, will play host for one more game at the Silverdome tomorrow night before returning to California for Game 6 on Sunday and, if necessary, a seventh game two nights later.

The Lakers, who are in the NBA finals for the seventh time in the last nine years, are trying to become the first team since the 1968-69 Boston Celtics to repeat as champions.

Isiah Thomas, who missed practice on Monday and yesterday with a sore back, had 10 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds to lead the Pistons, while Vinnie Johnson added 16 points.

Magic Johnson led the Lakers

with 23 points, while Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Byron Scott had 13 each.

Los Angeles, trailing 58-51 at halftime, hit three of the first four baskets of the second half to get within three points.

But the Lakers hit only two field goals in the last 10:40 of the period, falling behind 83-65 going into the fourth quarter.

The Los Angeles offense was especially dormant after Johnson was called for his fourth foul with 7:03 left in the third quarter. The Lakers scored only four points the rest of the period.

A basket by John Salley in the first minute of the fourth quarter completed the 25-8 spurt and gave the Pistons an 85-65 lead.

Johnson, trying desperately to bring the Lakers back, scored their next nine points, but the Pistons continued to extend the margin. Los Angeles got no closer than 15 in the fourth period.

Detroit is making its first appearance in the finals since moving to Michigan in 1957. The Pistons won their First Division title this season and they are playing in June for the first time in franchise history.

The Lakers have won four titles in this decade and 10 overall, the first five when the franchise was located in Minneapolis.



Pistons' Dennis Rodman tumbles while chasing a loose ball. (Reuters wirephoto).

Judge dismisses Gasser's appeal

LONDON, June 15. (AP). A London judge today dismissed Swiss runner Sandra Gasser's request to overturn her two-year suspension from track for alleged drug use.

Justice Scott in the high court said the world track governing body had acted properly in suspending Gasser after traces of anabolic steroids were found in a urine sample.

The decision left Gasser in tears. Her lawyer, Peter Siegler, said he would consider filing an appeal.

John Holt, secretary-general of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the track governing body, said he was delighted by the decision.

The IAAF last year suspended Gasser for two years from international competition after a drug test at the World Track and Field Championships detected traces of anabolic steroids in her urine.

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W. German defender
DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 15, (Reuters): West German central defender Guido Buchwald ruled himself out of the rest of the European Soccer Championship finals today.

Mark Hughes
BARCELONA, Spain, June 15, (Reuters): Barcelona soccer club said today they have sold Welsh striker Mark Hughes back to Manchester United.

Soviets lose
NAIROBI, June 15, (Reuters): Kenya 'A' beat the Soviet Union 4-2 (half-time 2-1) today in a five nations pre-Olympic hockey tournament.

Soviet tennis
EASTBOURNE, England, June 15, (AP): The Soviet Union's women tennis players officially were given professional status today in another sign of changes within the nation's sports system.

High jumpers
STOCKHOLM, June 15, (UPI): The world's two best high jumpers face a showdown in the Swedish capital on July 4 with West German Carli Thränhardt promising to give his best friend Patrik Sjöberg of Sweden a match for the world record.

Ossie Ardiles
BLACKBURN, England, June 15, (UPI): Ossie Ardiles, one of the stars of Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team, could join English Second Division club Blackburn Rovers next season.

France win
POSADAS, Argentina, June 15, (Reuters): France, fielding most of the reserves in their 31-man squad, beat a combined Argentine-Provinces XV 36-19 (16-9) in the fourth match of their rugby union tour of Argentina yesterday.

Uruguayan trainer
VALENCIA, Spain, June 15, (UPI): Uruguayan trainer Victor Esparrago Videla has signed as the new coach for First Division soccer side Valencia, club officials announced yesterday.

WBC champion
SYDNEY, Australia, June 15, (AP): World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion Jeff Fenech said today he has resumed full training in preparation for his Aug. 12 defense against Tyrone Downes of Trinidad.

Magic of Life shocks favourite

ASCOT, England, June 15, (Reuters): English filly Magic of Life shocked the previously unbeaten French favourite Ravinella with a storming win in the Coronation Stakes on the second day of Royal Ascot today.

Ridden by Pat Eddery, Magic of Life belied her generous 16-1 starting price as she swept through from the back of the field in the straight to win the five-furlong group one race by two lengths from Inchmurrin, another English filly.

Ravinella, the 4-6 favourite and unbeaten in six races, failed to find her finishing burst and was a further four lengths back in third place.

But jockey Gary Moore had no excuses for the French horse. "She was just not good enough. We were beaten on the day by a better filly," he said.

Al Hajri takes Jordan Rally lead

By Gail Seery
in Amman

ROTHMANS driver Saeed Al Hajri took a 24-second lead over long-time rival Mohammed Bin Sulayem at the end of the third special stage in the Rothmans Jordan Rally yesterday.

Disaster struck Welsh A-seeded driver David Llewellyn when his Audi Quattro A2 stopped with a puncture, just a few kilometres into the first stage.

Chasing
Spectators and pressmen, waiting on that particular stage, were surprised to see Bin Sulayem leading the cavalcade of drivers through the stage instead of Llewellyn, who was chasing him about thirty seconds behind. Llewellyn lost around thirty minutes on this stage, falling back to 10th place.

Al Hajri took the fastest stage time on the next stage and was experiencing no problems with his car. Bin Sulayem said that he was following his policy of not pushing too hard on the first night.

Traditionally the man who leads at the end of the first leg of the Jordan Rally still has a lot of

DUTCH SCORE 3-1 WIN IN SECOND MATCH

Van Basten hat-trick surprises England

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 15, (AP): Marco van Basten scored all three goals as the Netherlands beat England 3-1 (1-0) at the European Soccer Championships today.

The loss virtually eliminated England from the tournament, but its small mathematical chance of staying alive depends on the outcome of the other Group 2 match later today between the Soviet Union and Ireland in Hanover.

England must hope for Ireland to beat both the Soviet Union and the Netherlands in the last match and would then still need a victory over the Soviets to clinch a place in the semifinals.

England held its own against the Dutch for most of the match and even came closer to scoring in the first half, when it hit the post twice.

Scored
But three sudden goals by Van Basten, two passes coming from his AC Milan teammate Ruud Gullit, buried England.

Van Basten scored in the 43rd, 72nd and 75th, while captain Bryan Robson scored far England in the 53rd.

Van Basten became the first player to score a hat-trick in the championships and is the tournament's leading scorer.

Both teams desperately needed wins to stay alive after losing the opening match, and the game produced fast-moving action in front of both goals.

The Netherlands made two changes from the lineup that lost 1-0 to the Soviet Union, bringing in Van Basten for Johnny Bosman and Erwin Koeman for Johnoy van 't Schip.

England, upset 1-0 by Ireland in the first round, also made two changes, bringing in Glen Hoddie for Neil Webb and Trevor Steven for Chris Waddle.

England was the first team to settle down and nearly went ahead in the 8th minute. A piercing pass by Robson was badly headed by Ronald Koeman and

left Gary Lineker alone in front of Dutch goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen. But Lineker, the top scorer of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico with six goals, found only the left post from close range.

Hodde, leading the England midfield and providing long, accurate passes, also came close in the 38th, hitting the same post with a tremendous free kick from 20 metres.

But then came the Dutch. Frank Rijkaard sent a deep pass to the left, defender Gary Stevens never really got to the ball and Gullit broke through down the wing. Gullit then laid on a perfect pass for Van Basten, who controlled the ball, turned around central defender Tony Adams and beat veteran England goalkeeper Peter Shilton with a low shot into the left corner.

Shilton, 38 and playing his 100th international, was lucky in the 45th minute when another Van Basten shot was cleared on the line by Stevens.

England again took the upper hand after the interval and got a deserved equalizer in the 53rd. Robson and Lineker combined on the edge of the area with a quick 1-2 move that split the Dutch defence and Robson, the England captain, slotted home past a helpless Van Breukelen.

But the Netherlands quickly rallied and in the 72nd minute another Gullit-Van Basten combination put it ahead for good.

Headed
England's defence struggled to clear the ball from their area and finally the ball got to Gullit. With perfect control, the Dutch captain then slipped a short pass to Van Basten, who left Stevens behind and beat Shilton.

Three minutes later, Erwin Koeman, brother of Dutch defender Ronald Koeman, sent in a cross to the near post from the corner. Wim Kieft, a second-half substitute, headed over to the other side, and Van Basten slammed the ball home.



Van Basten screams with delight after scoring his team's first goal. (Reuters wirephoto)

About 20,000 Dutch fans among the capacity 68,400 crowd celebrated the win. No trouble between the fans was seen at the stadium but police reported about a dozen arrests before the match.

Lineups:
England: Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens, Mark Wright, Tony Adams, Kenny Sansom, Trevor Steven (Chris Waddle, 68) Glenn Hoddie, Bryan Robson, John Barnes, Gary Lineker, Peter Beardsley (Mark Hateley, 72).

The Netherlands: Hans van Breukelen, Roald Koeman, Berry van Aerle, Frank Rijkaard, Adrie van Tiggelem, Jan Wouters, Ruud Gullit, Arnold Muhren, Erwin Koeman, Gerald Voornburg (Wim Kieft, 61), Marco van Basten (Wilbert Survijn, 86).

Meanwhile in Britain, Members of Parliament and respected commentators called today for England's team to pull out of the European Soccer Championships because of the fan violence that has followed the squad to West Germany.

One leading columnist said the fighting, which has left hundreds jailed and dozens injured, had

made Britain look like "a zoo of dangerous animals" in the eyes of the world.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was due to meet with Colin Moynihan, Britain's Sports Minister, to discuss the problem following another night of street fighting, this time in Dusseldorf.

Moynihan, meanwhile, told the sport's ruling body in Europe that "disturbingly large numbers" of violent fans continued to follow English teams and were ready to spread trouble wherever they went.

Yesterday Moynihan refused to recommend in a report that English football clubs be allowed to return to European competitions.

Moynihan's report to European Football Union (UEFA) president Jacques Georges was based on studies of football hooliganism which took place during the past year even before the latest outbreaks of trouble.

UEFA officials, who will meet on June 24 to decide whether English teams should be readmitted to European Club competitions, are likely to be influen-



Netherlands' Frank Rijkaard (left) fights with England's Kenny Sansom (centre) and Peter Beardsley for the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

ced by Moynihan's report, and even more so by last night's violent battles in Dusseldorf.

Such violent behaviour was too much for several leading politicians.

"We should bring the England team home," said George Foulkes, foreign affairs spokesman for the opposition Labour Party. "It is clearly more trouble than it is worth to allow them to continue in European competition."

Members of the majority Conservative Party also expressed concern, and Thatcher told the House of Commons that violence may mean that soccer would become a non-spectator sport in Britain.

The fighting was front-page

news in all of Britain's dozen national newspapers, even the staid Financial Times. Videotape reports of the fighting led television newscasts, and radio news programmes were filled with description of the clashes.

Several columnists echoed Foulkes call for the team's withdrawal, including David Miller, chief sports correspondent for the Times of London and one of the most respected sports journalists in Europe.

"Football has come to the end of its credibility as a public event," Miller wrote. "Such a gesture (withdrawal) is the only possible way to save Britain's face in the eyes of the rest of the world."

Navratilova cruises to victory

EASTBOURNE, England, June 15, (UPI): Martina Navratilova advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$250,000 Eastbourne women's tennis tournament today with an ease that indicated her preparations for Wimbledon were right on target.

Second seed Pam Shriver was less fortunate. She withdrew before her third round match with Catarina Lindqvist because of groin strain.

Shriver lost a grass court tournament in Birmingham last week, falling in the final Sunday to Claudia Kohde-Kilsch.

But the non-stop schedule told on the West German also. She withdrew from Eastbourne today with an injured knee while trailing Soviet Larissa Savchenko 6-4, 4-4 in the third round.

Navratilova defeated 13th seed Raffaella Reggi of Italy 6-0, 6-2. With Shriver and defending champion Helena Sukova both out, Navratilova looked set to reach the final of the tournament that has become her talisman for Wimbledon.

Final
All of her eight Wimbledon victories were preceded by appearances in the Eastbourne final, and the Czechoslovak-born American admitted she was already thinking about a record ninth Wimbledon triumph.

"I have eight titles, but I still want to win one more, or two more or three," she said.

"I have a chance to rewrite the record books."

Soviet Natalia Zvereva, who shot into the public consciousness and the world top 10 when she ousted Navratilova from the French Open, advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Australian Barbara Potter. She'll face Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist, who was to have played Shriver.

Frenchwoman Pascale Paradis, who downed Sukova in the second round, also advanced, with 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ann Henricksson.

Italy overcome Spain

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 15, (Reuters): Gianluca Vialli conjured up a fine 75th-minute goal to give Italy a narrow but deserved 1-0 victory over Spain in the European Soccer Championship finals yesterday.

Chasing a long cross from the right, Vialli brilliantly turned the defender challenging him in the penalty area. Spinning round and heading for goal, the Italian hit home a left-foot shot beyond the onrushing goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

The goal rewarded Vialli for a hard-working performance which until then had foundered on Spain's competent defence, and gave Italy a well-merited victory from a match they dominated.

Behind
But it also left both teams still chasing a place in the semifinals. With one preliminary group match remaining, Italy went second behind West Germany in Group One level on three points but behind on goal difference. Spain have two points and Denmark none.

Italy made almost all the running, with Spain - who would have been content with a draw making only rare attempts to enliven what was largely a subdued game.

Italian goalkeeper Walter Zenga had little to do in the first half as Spain sat back. But at the end, Italy's attempts to pierce the Spanish defence came to naught even though the Spaniards were without injured captain and defensive stalwart Jose Antonio Camacho.

But the young Italian team, however frustrated, did not throw men forward rashly and leave themselves open to Spain's notoriously deadly counterattacks.

Vialli was unable to convert the chances he created in the first half, where Roberto Donadoni came closest to scoring with a curling 35th-minute shot which grazed the Spanish bar and was then cleared off the line by defender Tomas.

Straight
Immediately after the interval, Roberto Mancini was set clear by a mixup between two Spanish defenders, but shot straight at Zubizarreta.

He wasted another good chance in the 65th minute, by which time Jose Bakero and Emilio Butragueno had also squandered opportunities and a spectacular volley by Giuseppe Giannini from Giuseppe Bergomi's cross had gone just wide.

Veteran Alessandro Altobelli was brought on for Mancini in

the 70th minute. It was Altobelli who stepped over the ball to allow Carlo Ancelotti's cross to reach Vialli five minutes later and the deadlock was broken.

Caught out by their own tactics, Spain tried to get back on level terms in the last 15 minutes. But Zenga and the rest of the Italian defence were solid.

The defeat meant Spain have to beat West Germany on Friday to reach the semifinals, while Italy would go through by drawing with Denmark.

Italian defender Riccardo Ferri was booked for an off-the-ball foul on Spanish midfielder star Michel, and Vialli was lucky to escape the same fate for a charge on Victor.

"The result reflected the game," Spanish coach Miguel Munoz conceded. "We could only play as Italy allowed us to. The match against West Germany will be difficult."

Italian coach Azzeglio Vicini enthused: "I have to praise my whole team. It was a strong performance and there was no luck involved. "We sought out (the victory). We wanted it and we got it. Our team played a great game. "Spain is a team in form and with a good defence but we created a lot of chances," he added.

Mecir makes early exit

WEST KIRBY, England, June 15, (Reuters): Top seed Miloslav Mecir crashed out of the Hoylake men's invitation tennis tournament in the second round today when he lost 6-3 6-4 to unseeded American Jim Pugh.

The Czechoslovak, who is seeded number nine at Wimbledon next week, did not look fully fit after recent injury. He pulled out of the French Open championships last month with back trouble.

His trouble started in the fourth game of the opening set when Pugh broke through and the American achieved the other vital break in the first game of the second set.

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